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Top Photo: Strawberry plants begin to bloom as spring arrives at tribal headquarters.

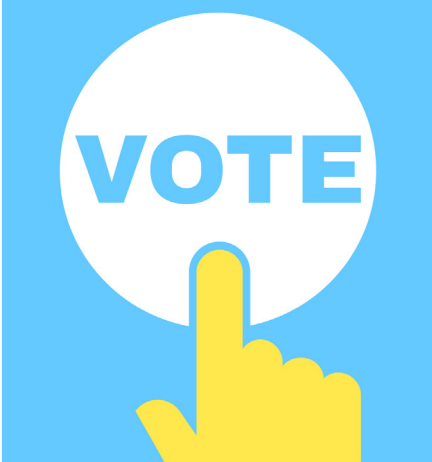
Meet your tribal chairman candidates



A look at the backgrounds of John “Rocky” Barrett and Steve Castaneda, candidates for tribal chairman.

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We answer some frequently asked questions about the upcoming tribal elections.

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Kyla and Charlie’s story grows at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Aviary

By Bree Dunham, Assistant Manager, CPN Eagle Aviary

Shortly after the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Eagle Aviary opened in June 2012, Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services reached out to CPN, knowing we were not at capacity, in hoping to find placement for several eagles confiscated and in need of immediate placement. Without hesitation, tribal leaders agreed that CPN would speak for these eagles. Planning for travel to Florence, Montana to bring them “home” began immediately.

One of those was a female sub-adult bald eagle. According to the limited information we received, her name was Kyla and she had possibly fallen out of the nest and suffered a severely broken wing. What, if any, treatment had been done was not clear. A short physical exam indicated that she had previously been housed in less-than-ideal conditions for some time. After the long trip home to Oklahoma, the eagles were introduced into separate enclosures based on their physical abilities. Kyla was placed in the non-flighted 25-by-50 foot enclosure with four other bald eagles that arrived when the CPN Aviary originally opened. Unlike most eagles, she was reluctant to leave her kennel. Once in the enclosure, it was apparent she was not accustomed to a large space, as she remained in a small 4-by-4 foot area the first few weeks of her introduction.



Charlie and Kyla roosting shoulder to shoulder.

One afternoon, in late summer, she made her way to the running stream after watching the other eagles, where she finally bathed. Not knowing if she had ever had the opportunity to enjoy water in the wild, it was a moving experience. Clearly, Kyla was finally at home in her new environment as she charged up and down the stream splashing water and vocalizing. She became the dominant female in the enclosure and received the Potawatomi name *Kche Gizhek* (Big Sky). Her name not only honors the place she came from, but also the

personality that she grew into as she learned how to be an eagle again.

From the first day *Kche Gizhek* was introduced into the enclosure, Charlie whose Potawatomi name is *Zagéndem-nené* (Nervous Man), the smallest male bald eagle also housed in the enclosure, showed an interest and stayed near her, even though other females were present. This bond has persisted, and to this day, they are never far from one another. In the winter of 2014 *Kche Gizhek* started carrying grass and pulling branches from the trees in the enclosure and the pair worked for a short time at nest building.

This pair has built a nest each year since. We are able to monitor them closely with cameras, and have seen no clear indication that the two could successfully mate due to their disabilities.

In 2015 though, *Kche Gizhek* laid her very first eggs, but subsequently broke them due to her inexperience. In 2016, she laid again. After several weeks we candled the eggs and determined they were not fertile. However, on the 36th day of incubation, when a chick should hatch, *Kche Gizhek* brought food to the nest. She did not eat for days. Concerned for her welfare, we reached out to our veterinarian and Sia: The Coman-

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Lavon Hill turns 104



District 4 Legislator Jon Boursaw stands with Lavon (Lybarger) Hill and Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett during a meeting in Kansas. The chairman, along with Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, visited Lavon in Ft. Scott, Kansas for her 104th birthday.

Tribal members eligible for home buyer and refinancing grant

By Sherry Byers,
CPN Housing Department

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Department has a “One Time Grant” available to enrolled tribal members who are going to purchase, build or refinance a home. This grant is for closing costs or down payment only.

All Citizen Potawatomi tribal members are eligible for this grant for one time only. The maximum amount available is \$2,125 and does not have to be repaid. The criteria for this program are:

- The grant cannot be used for any type of mobile home.
- The grant cannot be used by convicted felons or for households where other members are felons.
- The home being purchased must be their primary residence and the tribal member’s name must be on the loan.

The application must be completed thoroughly and the following submitted:

- A copy of all household members’ CPN Tribal ID cards or Social Security cards.

- Copy of the “loan estimate” from lender.
- Income verification for all household members (last three to four pay stubs or if they’ve been with the same employer for years, the last two years of tax returns).
- Name of the closing entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.).
- Completed W-9 form.
- Copy of appraisal when available.

The application and support information is required in our office at least two to three weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

If the time frame does not allow the grant to be requested before closing, we can also do the grant after closing.

Different documents will be requested and it must be requested within 30 days of the closing date.



Several programs are available to CPN homeowners.

To request the application and/or general information regarding the “One Time Grant,” please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership Manager at (405) 273-2833 or at sbyers@potawatomi.org.

In addition to assisting individual tribal members with this grant program, we would also like to see the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s First National Bank & Trust benefit by originating the mortgage loans. FNB is able to offer most loan programs, offered by other lending institutions, except loan types affiliated with predatory lenders.

For information regarding loan products and lending requirements at First National Bank & Trust, please contact Jeff Scroggins, Mortgage Loan Officer at (405) 275-8830 or at 1-800-227-8362.

There are still many CPN members who do not know about this program and the tribal bank. Our office receives calls daily from tribal members that never knew of this grant or that the tribe owns their own bank. Please spread the word with your CPN family members.

RE-ELECT JOHN “ROCKY” BARRETT FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



FROM WHERE WE STARTED - TO WHERE WE ARE NOW.
KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING WITH TIME-TESTED LEADERSHIP.

I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS JUNE FOR RE-ELECTION AS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

CPN car tags limited to Oklahoma residents

Potawatomi from across the United States often inquire as to why they can't show their Potawatomi pride with a tribal tag if they don't live in Oklahoma.

To understand the the reasons why CPN tags are not available outside the state, it's important first to understand the law.

According to the Oklahoma Vehicle License And Registration Act, "[Indian Tribal License Plates] shall be designed for any vehicle of a native American Indian Tribal Association ... and used by the tribal association exclusively for the furtherance of its tribal functions."

Essentially, the state of Oklahoma is required to recognize CPN tags within the state. But for those tribal members traveling and living outside of Oklahoma, there are some complications.

In the 1998 case, *State v. Wakole*, an Oklahoman, Priscila Wakole, was pulled over in the state of Kansas for driving her brother-in-law's car baring a Sac and Fox Nation license plate.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled in the *Wakole* case that excluding Indian nations would constitute denial of equal protection based on race or nationality

The court ruled in *Wakole's* favor and reversed her conviction. Thanks to the *State v. Wakole* case, Kansas



CPN license plates are available through the tribal tag agency.

was required to include Indian nations in the definition of "state." This "reciprocity" statute agrees to recognize a driver's license and tag issued by any other state.

While the courts have made that decision, there are occasions where law enforcement agencies do not recognize or even know of the tribal nations that have license plates. The State of Florida does not recognize tribal tags, creating a long process for a tribal member that sells a vehicle and is told to provide their previous Oklahoma title, which are located with the CPN Tag Agency files.

"I have experienced problems with being pulled over outside of the

state," CPN Vice-Chairman Linda Capps said.

Capps admitted she was speeding in Nebraska when a police officer pulled her over, didn't recognize her registration and said that he had no record of her vehicle.

"I sensed I was going to have trouble," Capps said.

The officer spent more than an hour attempting to verify her information.

"I thought I was going to be pulled in."

Thankfully, Capps had a surplus of identification and was eventually on her way back home to Oklahoma.

As one of the members of the business committee when CPN first began issuing license tags, Capps knew of the risks. She had pushed hard in the years before they became available to ensure that they were registered properly and could be found by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

"The tribal tags have done a lot of good things for our schools but there are some pitfalls. We have had some people in other states that have been detained by police because of their vehicle until they could verify with the State of Oklahoma," Capps said.

Because CPN is based here, no state except Oklahoma has a duty to recognize CPN tags.

"We should have less problems now that we have the new database... [but] there still could be problems, our people have to realize that," Capps said.

While this issue exists, the tribal tags also provide positives for tribal members. For many CPN members, the tags are a source showing their pride as members of the Nation. The CPN Tag Agency also donates a portion of fees for each tag purchase or renewal to the purchaser's school of choice. Since 2005, \$1.7 million has been raised for Oklahoma school funding from their fees.

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION FESTIVAL CEDAR BOX CONTEST

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is developing a cottage industry for local craftsmen to construct feather boxes from Eastern Red Cedar grown on CPN land. Eagle feathers are sacred to Potawatomi culture but are attacked by insects, which cedar repels.

Box designs and local craftsmen are needed. The cedar box contest will assist in this. Winning box design submissions will be turned into kits sold at CPN Gift Shop. Box submissions must meet these requirements:

- Boxes may vary in size from 4" X 4" X 14" outside to 7" X 7" X 21" outside.
- Boxes must be finished on the outside (wax, tung oil, lacquer, shellac, varnish, etc)
- Boxes must be partially felt lined on the inside, otherwise left unfinished.
- Hardware, if any, must be solid brass.
- Boxes may be decorated in addition to the finish.

Prizes will be awarded for first through third place. All boxes will be held by CPN for 30 days. Boxes will be used to create patterns for cedar box kits, which will be sold by the Citizen Potawatomi Gift Shop and Eagle Aviary.

- Entries must be submitted to the **CPN Department of Real Estate Services festival week**; however, the **deadline for submission is noon on Friday, June 23, 2017.**

**130 E. MacArthur, Suite 204 A
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- Boxes will be judged by committee and the winners announced at the General Council Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2017.



CITIZEN POTAWATOMI
GIFT SHOP

Barrett points to tribe's success as testament to his leadership

Set to run for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's highest executive office is a familiar face to many CPN members around the world, with John "Rocky" Barrett on the ballot for the office of tribal chairman at the June 2017 election.

Born in 1944 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Barrett's father, a U.S. Navy Underwater Demolition Team "frogman," was serving in Iwo Jima at the time of his birth. His Potawatomi heritage stems from his mother's side of the family, who are Peltiers and Boursas. Like many of his relatives, Barrett grew up near the tribe's FireLake complex.

"My great-grandparents had come up from Sacred Heart for a tribal meeting at the agency and my great-grandmother was pregnant with my grandfather, Oliver Peltier. He was born in the wagon yard at the agency," said Barrett.

The Peltier family allotments are near Sacred Heart mission, in the heart of the former settlements of Georgetown and the town of Sacred Heart in south Pottawatomie County. His great-great-grandfather, Daniel Boursaw, connects him to one of CPN's other well-known founding families.

Barrett said that growing up, Potawatomi cultural gatherings like powwows were rare. Most, as he recalled, were family-centric, with food and the pitching of horseshoes the main activities. However, there remained family traditions that, when Barrett reflected later, demonstrated ties to Potawatomi cultural practices.

"When we would go fishing with my grandfather, he would always put tobacco on the water and offer a prayer. He had a place in the garden where he'd always put tobacco on the north side of the tree, I didn't realize until later that he was practicing traditional Potawatomi ways."

He said his first tribal meeting was in 1947, around the time his grandfather sat on the tribe's business committee. His first clear recollection of actually attending such a meeting was in 1953 at Shawnee's Municipal Auditorium. It centered on the tribe's case with the Indian Claims Commission, established in 1948 to settle lawsuits against the U.S. government for broken tribal treaties.

"There was a going joke. We would sit around at night outside of my grandparents' house – they didn't have air conditioning – and we would talk about what we would each do with our 'Indian money,'" said Barrett. "We were convinced we were going to be as rich as the Osages."

Family gathering conversations between Peltiers and Boursaws often centered on tribal affairs and the Nation's governance.

He graduated from Shawnee High School with the class of 1962 and went to Princeton University. He



John "Rocky" Barrett

took a leave of absence his junior year there, returned home and enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. He married soon after and went to work, then transferred to night school at Oklahoma City University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business.

He grew up working on oil rigs owned by his family's Barrett Drilling Company, a firm he still runs today outside of his day-to-day work at CPN. During his time at OCU, he took a sales position with United States Plywood Corporation. That job gave way to several others with the company that took him to locales as far afield as Wisconsin, and eventually Memphis, Tennessee. He arrived there just two days before the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

"Our warehouse was right within sight of where he got shot," recalled Barrett. "All that stuff blew up, the riots, the shootings, it was a tragedy. The city was completely shut down."

After a time in the homebuilding business in northern Mississippi, Barrett returned to Pottawatomie County. He took on his first official position working on behalf of Native Americans soon after as director of the Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area, where he supervised the group's affairs and oversaw a vocational training program for unemployed Native Americans. His first foray into tribal governance came in 1975 when the chairman of the business committee stepped down. The vice-chairman, Barrett's uncle, filled the open position, but the remaining members of the committee declined the vice-chairman's seat. At the encouragement of his family and other Potawatomi, Barrett threw his hat into the ring.

He served two terms in that role before the work on the drilling rigs came calling with the late 1970s oil boom.

"The company drilling superintendent called and said he had a drilling job open on one the rigs. It was \$15 an hour - big money then - a day off every two weeks and they would pay my mileage. So I went back," he said.

In 1982, he was encouraged to become involved in the tribe's affairs

by his grandmother who insisted he apply as tribal administrator given his business background and prior tribal post.

"I said no," explained Barrett. "There was no answer from her, so I said 'Grandma there's 24 cousins, get one of them.' No response. She was 4' 11, but not one to be told 'no.' Basically, she intimidated me into going back."

Barrett set to work returning the tribe's use of federal programs, which had been suspended due to CPN's accounting records being in disarray. After serving in that capacity for nearly three years, Barrett ran for tribal chairman, hoping to establish a steady governing system so situations like the one he inherited would not occur again.

His first priority was to put a stop to instances of nepotism and political interference in day-to-day affairs on the tribal government.

"There was an awful lot of 'you gotta hire my kid, my brother, my cousin.' There was a lot of that coming from the business committee, as well as constantly telling department heads what to do. It was chaos."

Barrett's longtime goal has been to make the tribe as self-sufficient as possible. He noted that his first problem was the Bureau of Indian Affairs and recalled the days when the Shawnee Indian Agency claimed that decisions affecting the lands under its supervision to be agreed upon unanimously by the Iowa, Absentee-Shawnee, Kickapoo, Sac and Fox and Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribes.

"The agency was bound and determined that our territory was to be a multi-tribal reservation, because that way they could play tribes against each other," he noted.

Barrett said the overhaul of the tribal constitution beginning in his first term was the key to the success of the tribe's growth. The removal of blood quantum determining tribal citizenship, reopening the tribal rolls, creating three separate branches of government and extending the vote to those living outside of Oklahoma came about because of the constitutional reforms.

"The new 1985 Constitution first authorized absentee ballots, created the tribal courts, adopted a set of statutes, and established a separate executive authority after a precedent-setting lawsuit in tribal court.

"Next, we amended the constitution to lower the voting age to 18. It was my privilege to be the author of most of that language. From 1985 to 1989 we did all that along with setting up an internal accounting system that gave us an accurate and auditable set of books...that 48 months is what transformed this tribe."

It is hard to dispute the scale of the transformation. The photo of the old BIA trailer that once housed the trib-

al headquarters hangs on his office wall as a reminder of the change in fortunes. When the photo was taken in the early 1970s, CPN had less \$1,000 in the bank. In 2015 the tribe had a \$513.5 million economic impact in the state, employed 2,400 Oklahomans in more than 50 tribal government programs and commercial enterprises that serve more than 32,000 tribal members.

He believes the biggest challenge facing CPN today is that of succession. If re-elected in June 2017, he said his focus will be on "what comes next."

"The thing I'll work the hardest on is establishing a pool of qualified people and a structure that will allow the services and operations of the government to continue uninterrupted in the delivery of services, tribal employment and growing income," he said. "The structure needs to be there for the next person that is in this office to give them latitude in how they want the government to operate."

Barrett said he is also proud of CPN's gender balance among top-level department heads, something he focused on during his tenure. He also said he believed hiring the best candidate for any tribal job has paid off regardless of ethnicity, which in turn has resulted in the best people providing services and income for the tribe.

"I toured the country for five years and specifically asked the people at regional meetings to empower us to hire the most qualified people possible for the tribe and to reject the temptation to distribute small 'per capita' checks that eliminate future investment capital. I told them 'I want to first be able to return your investment, and then use that return to deliver tribal services like scholarships and free prescriptions and housing assistance..'"

"I've been talking about that issue every year since 1985. I think the people have empowered us to operate in that manner."

His goal as tribal chairman has been to halt the flight of Potawatomi away from Oklahoma and their tribal home there, something he will continue if re-elected.

"It is all about creating opportunities for Potawatomi to improve their lot in life. Our tribe is the product of three generations of people in a row who lost everything they had except what they could carry on their backs. It is the tribe's job to help our people catch up with the rest of America."

As he looked back on his tenure, his focus on providing services and jobs that give tribal members the option to live near to and work for the tribe has come a long way since he first began.

"The underlying goal of tribal government has to be about providing ever-growing opportunity, that's been the objective since the first day I walked in the door as tribal administrator in 1982," said Barrett.

Castaneda runs on promise to give back

In 2013, no opponents filed to run for the tribe's highest office. This year, Shawnee, Oklahoma's Steve Castaneda has filed against longtime incumbent John "Rocky" Barrett.

Castaneda was born in Wapato, Washington, a town located on the reservation of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

Castaneda's family's original allotments were south of the town of Tecumseh, Oklahoma. His grandmother left Oklahoma after his grandfather, as Castaneda described it, "was run out of town on a rail."

She settled in Washington State, where his mother and father lived. His father was a farmer, and his mother was a farmer's wife. Though removed from the tribal homelands in Oklahoma, Castaneda said he had a multilingual upbringing and heard Potawatomi spoken at home by his mother while his father, originally from the Philippines, spoke Spanish and his family's own dialect of Filipino, Tagalog.

At the age of four his family relocated south to California, where Castaneda lived for the majority of his life before moving to Oklahoma in 2009.

He worked in road maintenance crews for various city and county governments in California and said he liked serving in the public eye. He continues that work today as a member of the City of Shawnee's Roads Department.

"I wanted to go to school to be a lawyer but that didn't quite work out," he said with a laugh.

His favorite subjects were law and history, but he left school to help take

care of his mother after the passing of his father.

He believes his experience in working for those local governments gave him a perspective on how they operate, something that will feed into his role as chairman if elected.

"I've seen the ins and outs of what government does, and how the people end up having to pay for it," he said.

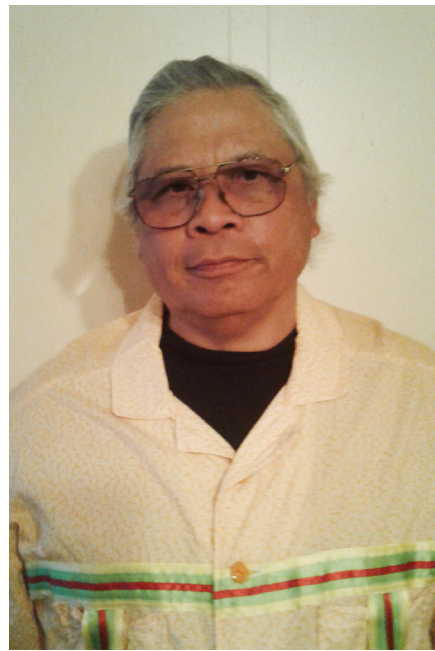
Castaneda's move to Oklahoma in 2009 was specifically to run for the position of chairman, and his campaign fulfills a promise he made to his late mother. He felt he could get a better perspective on the tribe and its operations from its home base in Oklahoma rather than as a legislative representative from the west coast.

Castaneda is running on a promise to have the tribe give back to its members. He explained that may require a per capita payment system for the CPN's more than 32,000 members, or even a drawn out payment plan at some point. He did not provide specifics on how either might work until he was in office. With that many tribal members using services that the tribe currently provides through education and workforce training, healthcare and many other sectors, the amount of payments would likely have to come from cuts in those services or by limiting the number of those receiving per capita payments.

However, Castaneda said he did not see a return to the blood quantum requirements.

"No way, either you're Potawatomi or you're not."

He also said he wanted to open more jobs for Citizen Potawatomi, and that too many of the tribe's 2,400 employees were not CPN members. He



Steve Castaneda

believes funding for education services for non-tribal members should be limited to Citizen Potawatomi only, and they should be open to tribal members around the world regardless of their geographic location. CPN higher education scholarships are open to all enrolled members. Job training and other funds available through tribal programs like the CPN Workforce & Social Services Department use federal funds. They must serve all members of federally recognized tribes meeting poverty guidelines who reside in the Nation's service area. The program does not serve non-Natives.

When asked how he would deal with federal rules that programs funded by federal monies are specifically limited to stipulating these geographic areas, Castaneda said he'd push back against such constraints.

"I'll go to D.C. and I'll argue it, I have no qualms about facing whoever I have to face to get things done right."

To change these guidelines would take an act of Congress and changes to the Indian Self-Determination Act. In states like Oklahoma, it would also affect tribal nations' ability to have exclusivity in hosting only their own casino operations on their own tribal lands.

He said he believes the tribe's greatest future challenge will be protecting its tribal jurisdiction, something that has been of primary focus during incumbent Barrett's most recent term in office. He acknowledged Chairman Barrett's role in protecting the tribe's sovereignty from encroachment by former City of Shawnee officials. Castaneda said he thinks as a tribal leader he would bring in more support from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal officials.

In recent years though both the former Secretary of the Interior and the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs have weighed in on the issue of tribal sovereignty and affirmed CPN's right to levy its own tribal sales taxes on businesses operating on its trust land.

"The city's jurisdiction ends at the river," said Castaneda. "Since working with the city, hearing what goes on here, going to a few of the meetings, I've got a big bone to pick with them. We've had this problem in California with cities claiming lands that aren't theirs."

That notion, of looking out only for Citizen Potawatomi, is what drives Castaneda's candidacy for the chairman position.

"I've got to help my people before anybody else," he said. "When my people are strong, then we can go out and give to whatever we can."

TRIBAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Who can vote?



CPN members 18 or older on election day can vote in tribal elections.

Who's on the ballot for this year's election?



The office of tribal chairman, districts 1-4, and the annual tribal budget are up for vote.

How do I register to vote?



Ballot request forms are mailed out to eligible voters ahead of the June elections. Absentee ballot request forms must be post marked by June 4, 2017.

Who can vote for the tribal chairman and the district 1-4 candidates?



For district elections, only tribal members living in those specific districts can vote. For tribal chairman, all eligible CPN voters can cast a ballot.

What is the annual budget?



The annual budget pays for Nation's service projects and the executive branch of the tribe.

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When does voting take place?

Voting takes place June 24, 2017 at Family Festival. Absentee ballots must be received at the CPN Election Commission's PO Box by 10 a.m. on June 24, 2017.

Boursaw seeks to retain seat in what may be another tight D4 race

In Citizen Potawatomi Nation's legislative District 4, which encompasses the State of Kansas, incumbent Jon Boursaw will face off against challenger Theresa Adame. This will be the third time that Boursaw and Adame meet in a legislative race. Adame won a narrow election in 2009 by 14 votes, while Boursaw won by an even narrower margin of three votes in 2013.

Born in Topeka, Boursaw was raised with a limited knowledge of his Potawatomi heritage; his great grandparents were each from one of the tribe's founding families, Ogee and Bourassa. However, his family didn't participate in what some might call "traditional" tribal practices despite their close proximity to the Prairie Band Potawatomi, a distinct tribal nation with close cultural and historical ties to the Citizen Potawatomi.

"We knew very little...we knew we were enrolled but my grandfather never mentioned anything about traditions or things like that. It was never carried over to his family."

He recalled a sibling of his grandfather who refused to acknowledge the existence of their tribal heritage at all, likely stemming from norms of the times when government authorities regularly seized Indian children from their homes and when discrimination of Native Americans remained widespread.

"You weren't held in high esteem, let's put it that way," noted Boursaw.

His knowledge and familiarity with his Citizen Potawatomi heritage in cultural and historical terms didn't truly begin until his return to Kansas after a career in the U.S. Air Force

and time in the private sector based out of Washington D.C.

"I was gone from Topeka for 38 years, with three of that 38 being an ROTC instructor at Kansas State University," recalled Boursaw. "When I was in college I worked at the First National Bank of Topeka with the understanding that after I did my three years in the Air Force I would come back and there would be a position at the bank. Well I came back 38 years later and the bank had moved and changed names four times."

His time in the service, like many career military members who served during the Cold War, took him around the world. Despite his initial plan on returning to Kansas, career advancement opportunities continued to arise and as he described it, "you're eight or nine years in and you figure 'what the heck, I'll stay.'"

Rising to the rank of colonel, Boursaw eventually oversaw the management of operations on U.S. Air Force installations across the globe. Following his retirement from the service, he entered the corporate world, serving as an assistant vice president for Aetna Government Health Plans in southern California. Eventually, he and his wife, Peg, returned to Topeka.

Within a few weeks he saw a position open with the Prairie Band Potawatomi, where he served as executive director for more than six years.

"There was a little ad in the Topeka paper and it said 'Native American preference' so I sent them my resume. Within two weeks of sending them my resume I was working for them."



Jon Boursaw

In Boursaw's description, by the end of his tenure there he was responsible for overseeing approximately 32 tribal programs and departments, including a fire department, police and human resources. He said it closely resembled his time as an Air Force base commander.

Just when he thought he was finally ready to retire, after stepping down as the Prairie Band Potawatomi executive director, Boursaw attended a Rossville-area meeting of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. CPN Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett told the former Air Force officer he needed someone to oversee the opening of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center and that his talents were being wasted in retirement.

Along with Peggy, Boursaw packed up again, this time for a stint as the CPN Cultural Heritage Center director, where he said he really began to understand the history and culture of the tribe. During this time Boursaw

began to shape what has become a staple of gatherings across Kansas in recent years; his presentations on the history of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's time in Kansas.

With 32,000 tribal members spread across the U.S., it's important for presentations like Boursaw's to show those who live outside of the tribe's jurisdiction in Oklahoma their connections to CPN history.

After winning a narrow election in 2013 against then-incumbent Theresa Adame, Boursaw continued with his presentations to groups throughout the Sunflower State. The emphasis on highlighting that history is part of his appeal to voters. Boursaw noted the accomplishments in office including securing the proper spelling of Bourbonnais Creek Bridge in November 2014 and recognition by Kansas Governor Sam Brownback of the state's mistreatment of the Potawatomi during the 1800s at a ceremony in 2013 commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Trail of Death.

Should he succeed in his reelection bid, he said he'd focus on finding ways of bringing cultural teachings for tribal youth from ages 10 and older that are outside of the CPN jurisdiction in Oklahoma. Elaborating on an idea proposed by members of the 2017 Potawatomi Leadership Program, the Kansas legislator would like to hold a two day summit that instructs the youth on cultural history and practices, including dancing and other activities.

"The kids outside of Shawnee know very little about their culture and traditions and we've got dozens of them within an hour's drive from Rossville," said Boursaw.

Jett named as one of Oklahoma's most admired CEOs

The Journal Record recently honored Shane Jett as one of the state's most admired CEOs. The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation director was one of only four honorees to be recognized in the nonprofit category.

"It's incredibly rewarding to be recognized with so many other fine leaders of Oklahoma organizations," said Jett. "I think this honor reflects the work of my great staff and the support we've been given by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal leadership."

Other non-profit leaders recognized at the awards banquet including Lauren Branch of NewView Oklahoma, Jim Priest of Sunbeam Family Services and Steve Rasmussen, True Sky Credit Union.

"This year's Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs event honors another group of leaders who exemplify strong integrity, leadership, vision and community involvement," said Ted Streuli, editor and associate publisher of *The Journal Record*.

"It is important that we recognize these leaders for their contributions to Oklahoma's business community and quality of life."

Established in 2003, the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation provides financial products and counseling services to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and employees nationwide as well as Native American owned-businesses throughout Oklahoma.

Jett was named director of the CPCDC in 2011 and has led its transformation into the country's largest tribally-owned Community Development Financial Institution. When he began, the CPCDC's revolving loan fund had \$14 million under management whereas today it has more than \$65 million.

In 2016, his team brought \$47million in new money to CPCDC, more than all the combined funds raised since the organization's inception in 2003. They alone, out of 70 Native CDFIs, were included in the United States Treasury Guarantee Bond Program,



Shane Jett

securing an allocation of \$16 million. The CPCDC concluded the year with another \$25 million in funding from USDA's Rural Development Community Facilities relending program.

That success has translated into impressive growth for the organization dedicated to developing small

and medium sized Native American-owned businesses. The CPCDC's revenue growth in the past 12 months was 149 percent, while the net income growth over the same time was 345 percent.

Jett credited much of the success to his hands off approach managing the CPCDC's small staff of financial and administrative professionals housed in their offices at First National Bank & Trust Co. in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

"If you take care of your people, your people will take care of you," said Jett. He believes his approach is reflected in the tight knit and successful staff. During his tenure, they have grown the organization by impressive margins.

He is also lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve and a former legislator at the Oklahoma statehouse where he represented southern Potawatomie County's House District 27 from 2004-2010. He has three daughters with his wife Ana.

Adame seeks to regain seat in D4 as challenger in 2017

In Citizen Potawatomi Nation's legislative District 4, which encompasses the State of Kansas, challenger Theresa Adame will face off against incumbent Jon Boursaw. This will be the third time that Boursaw and Adame meet in a legislative race.

Adame's parents are both from the Rossville-Topeka, Kansas area. She grew up in Topeka and graduated from Hayden High School. She married soon after, moved to Wichita for a short time before returning to Topeka and taking a job in business administration for Capital Orthopedic Center. It's a position that has served her well, as she recently noted the completion of her 35th work anniversary there. She helps run the day-to-day business of the Topeka-based firm that creates and sells artificial limbs and braces.

"I am very fortunate to work for a company that specializes in pediatrics, helping a lot of children with birth defects and congenital afflictions," she said. The work has allowed her to commit time to service in the community for many of the issues dealt with by the users of her employer's products.

In addition to her volunteer and charitable service, Adame believes her experience in dealing with federal contacts, human resources' responsibilities and other tasks will help her should she win the June 2017 election.



Theresa Adame

Adame was narrowly defeated in the June 2013 tribal election by current incumbent Jon Boursaw, and she noted that she would bring experience as a CPN tribal legislator if elected to serve again. Part of her motivation in running again is due to her desire to show leadership to younger generations, something she's done throughout her life.

"I was the leader of a girl scout troop for one of my children. I wanted to show them the importance of a strong female role model. It was something that drove me in my last term in the tribal legislature also," she said.

Her first term as a CPN legislator was in part inspired by her father's interest in the tribe. The Navarre family descendant said she initially became involved in tribal politics because of her father, Raymond Martin, who she accompanied to tribal meetings at age 17. When they would return home, Adame would report back to her relatives what had been discussed, marking her first role as an unofficial representative to her own family. It's that experience that resonates with her view on the tribe, its government and people today.

"When I think of a tribe, I think of family," she said. "It was visiting family and participating in our tribal activities."

This involvement is somewhat of a tradition. Her grandmother had 54 grandchildren, and Adame recalled her loading many of them up on a journey to the tribal rolls registration at the Prairie Band Potawatomi administration building. In the days before CPN had the funding and revenue available, partnerships with their Kansas-based, cousin tribe were necessary to help keep what was then called the Citizen Band Potawatomi connected to its citizens outside Oklahoma.

During her last term in the tribal legislature, Adame said that one of the significant accomplishments for the Kansas-based Citizen Potawatomi

was the development of health care there in the form of community health reps on site in Rossville. It's a program that's near to her heart, as her family is some of the users of the program's home health visits.

"When I first got in to the legislature, my dad and aunt told me they were very proud of me but said 'do not mess with our health benefits,'" she recalled with a chuckle.

Despite losing the 2013 vote by only three votes, Adame said support in the four years since then prompted her to once again run for District 4's seat.

Should she succeed, an issue she'll work towards is more efficient electoral procedures.

"I would like to see the voting change so that we just receive a ballot and not have to request a ballot," she said. "I know a lot of the elders are confused by the process and I think we could simplify it."

Focusing on efficiency there is a start for Adame if she's elected to the seat. Her long term goal is to serve in that role she has since age 17, reporting back to her family and tribe on how best the Nation can help.



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Darian Towner turns internship into full time position

One of the nine spring interns at Citizen Potawatomi Nation secured a full-time position because of her six-week internship. Darian Towner, who received a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in psychology from Texas A&M University, moved to Oklahoma after she graduated to pursue an internship at House of Hope.

"I'm really thankful for this opportunity," Towner said with a smile. "My director— Tiffany Barrett — is amazing; I'm grateful she saw potential in me and offered me this position. As I get more comfortable with my job, I simultaneously fall more in love with it, and House of Hope, and CPN."

While completing her degree in College Station, Texas, Towner got many hands-on opportunities that helped prepare her for her current position, including internships with Texas Child Protective Services and a local nonprofit that assists single mothers and their children.

Towner heard of CPN from mutual friends and spoke to CPN Internship Coordinator Mindee Duffell about her career interests. After she ap-

plied, Duffell put her in contact with House of Hope staff so she could assist with the organization's goal of providing victims of domestic violence with crisis intervention, safety planning, emergency shelter, emotional support and other resources.

"Our hope is that the internship experience at CPN is much more than a short-term learning experience," Duffell said. "In Darian's case, she was able to utilize her passion and her educational experience within the domestic violence program. This is a best case scenario, both for the intern and the department. We are confident that through thoughtful placements and bright interns there will be more opportunities for interns to be placed into full- or part-time positions at the end of the program. We are ecstatic for Darian and happy to welcome her to the CPN family."

Towner is House of Hope's new prevention specialist, so her job includes outreach to the community, including giving weekly presentations about services, leading free eight-week parenting classes and support groups, and coordinating most marketing and social media.



Darian Towner

"I'm thankful to be able to do something that directly aligns with my passion of helping people because all of my friends had specific career goals like becoming a doctor or lawyer; my goal was to help people," said the new tribal employee. "I knew I had a passion for helping people but I didn't know what that looked like. To be in a full-time position where I get to do that every day is really exciting."

As soon as Towner started, she noticed the positive work environment with the director and three full time advocates. She is appreciative of how coworker Ashlee May has "taken her under her wing" and allowed her to shadow court advocacy in tribal and state court, new client in-take and the way she interacts with clients. In a field that is known for burnout and being emotionally draining, Towner believes that House of Hope staff is inspiring.

"As a new person in this career field it is encouraging to see how much passion my coworkers still have to help others after so many years of working," she said. "I've only been here for two months and I've already fallen in love with the tribe and seen why people say it's so great to work here. That's not just something that people say — it's something that they mean."

If you are interested in participating in the CPN Internship Program this fall, please contact Duffell at college@potawatomi. The deadline to apply for a fall internship is June 1.

CPN Education update: May 2017

By Channing Seikel, Senior College Advisor, CPN Department of Education

Being a CPN college advisor, you give a lot of help, resources, and information to students, but rarely do you get to see the full fruits of your labor. On April 9, I got to see just that. I had the opportunity to witness CPN tribal member Trae Trousdale commit and sign to attend Oklahoma City University for the fall of 2017. Trae received the American Indian Scholarship from OCU, which is a highly competitive scholarship that includes full tuition, room and board as well as membership to the prestigious President's Leadership Class.

When Trae first came into my office, he presented me with a list of about 50 schools that he was considering and declared that he wanted to leave the state of Oklahoma for college. As I met with him over the course of several months, we narrowed down the list of institutions to find the overall best fit for him socially, academically and financially. I tasked Trae to list out his top 10 schools and start an information sheet for each so that he could compare them easily. I wanted to challenge him to think of why each school was on the list, where they were located, what his specific criteria was for college,



CPN Department of Education Director Tesia Zientek, Trae Trousdale and CPN College Advisor Channing Seikel at the OCU signing ceremony.

and how much financial aid might be offered. Through this process, I quickly learned exactly what Trae was looking for in a school. With many Ivy League schools on his top ten list, he began to research, explore, and apply to each option. Our department helped him develop and edit his essays before he submitted his applications.

Later on in the semester, the CPN Department of Education visited the OCU campus, toured the university's Meinders School of Business, and

learned about the American Indian Scholarship. I knew immediately that the university was a perfect fit for Trae, and it met every single criteria he was looking for in an institution. I presented the idea and encouraged him to apply for the American Indian Scholarship, and he was open to the idea of having one Oklahoma school on his list. After he applied and was admitted, he completed the scholarship paperwork. After an interview, Trae got a call back and received this highly competitive scholarship. Starting in the fall of 2017, Trae will

become an OCU Star and will be a welcomed member of the President's Leadership Class. Trae will have access to amazing opportunities and that he may not have had at another institution and ultimately attain his four-year undergraduate degree completely debt-free.

I am so honored to have been a small part of all the hard work that Trae put in to seeking the perfect fit for him. This is a great example of not settling and keeping an open mind to institutions that you may not have ever heard of or considered. Our department never wants to make the decision for our students; instead, we want to present them with every opportunity possible. Let our department help you find the perfect fit, it may be a school you didn't even have on your list.

If you would like to learn more about higher education opportunities, scholarships or guidance, please contact us. We provide an accessible entry point for college-bound CPN students in search of individualized college advice, scholarship help, or internship information, regardless of age or location. Contact the CPN Department of Education by email at college@potawatomi.org or by phone at 405-275-3121.

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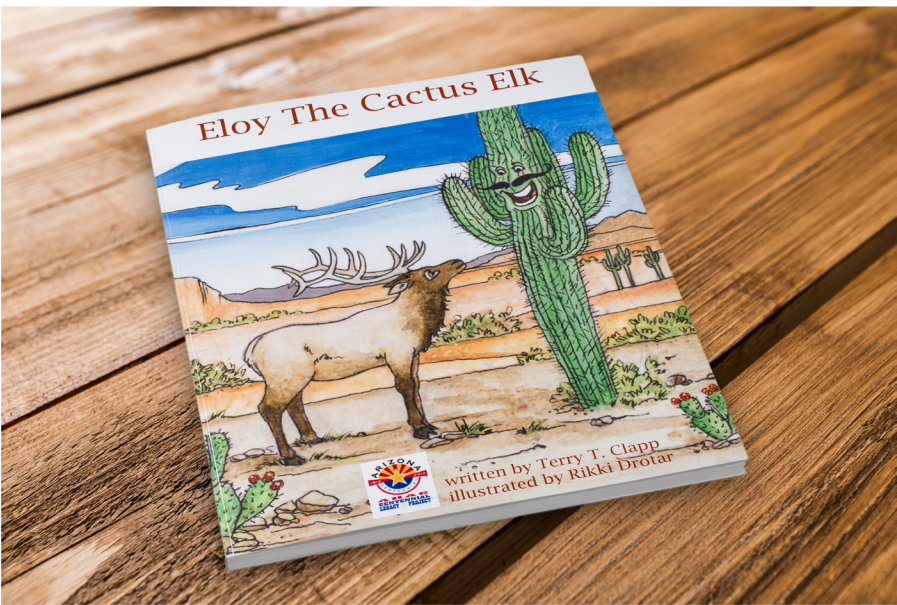
Terry Clapp continues educating children

One Citizen Potawatomi member is using his knowledge and talents to invest into the lives of young children. Terry Clapp has written two children’s books that help kids understand nature and conservation. His first book – “Eloy the Elk and His Desert Friends” – was written for the Arizona Elk Society in 2009. The second – “Eloy the Cactus Elk” – was written as a children’s picture book for Arizona’s 100th centennial in 2012.

“The book is designed to get kids into nature,” the author said. “The story is based on a true event of the sighting of a bull elk in the desert in 2005. For Eloy to return home into the mountains he will need the help of many desert friends.”

Both books connect children in Arizona to their surroundings and wildlife by using landmarks and familiar locations to reinforce learning.

“Eloy the Cactus Elk” was granted Arizona Centennial Legacy Project status by a special committee from the Arizona Historical Association Centennial Committee charged to select certain works of art and liter-



Clapp’s book is available for purchase at giftshop.potawatomi.org.

ature in Arizona along with special events to highlight the centennial,” Clapp explained. “Eloy the Cactus Elk – a children’s picture book – was selected and given this honor by the committee.”

Although he was born and raised in Missouri where he earned his doctorate from University of Missouri-Columbia and worked as a school administrator, Clapp made Arizona his home in 1975 to help establish

a medical school for Native Americans. The project lasted three years at Northern Arizona University, but never got off the ground.

After that, he moved to Phoenix where he currently resides. Clapp worked as a research specialist, administrator of an alternative high school, assistant principal for athletics, activities and registration, school physiologist, and even taught at the collegiate level.

Clapp began writing after he retired from teaching and school administration in 1999.

“Hunting, fishing and four grandsons were the spring board for my interest in writing. As you will see by looking at the books, my goal was to encourage children to learn all they can from each reading experience,” he said.

Along with his two published books, Clapp writes outdoor freelance pieces for the *Sportsman’s News* and several Arizona wildlife magazines about hunting and fishing.

“As a CPN member I have enjoyed a greater awareness of our culture and heritage,” Clapp noted about the tribe. “It is nice to see the progress of the nation and what the leadership has done to help members achieve their educational goals. The effort of those involved in this progress on behalf of all members is noteworthy.”

If you would like to give Clapp’s book to a child in your life, please visit cpn.news/eloy. All of the profits go to support elk welfare by the Arizona Elk Society.

Aviary continued...

che Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative. We felt strongly that this pair could be foster parents and that might benefit *Kche Gizhek*’s disposition.

We provided the pair with a newly hatched tawny eagle, an exotic species, to rear. *Kche Gizhek* and *Zagéndem-nené* did an exceptional job raising the foster chick. In winter 2016, the pair once again began nest building and two eggs were laid by mid-February 2017. We did not candle these eggs or interfere with the pair since there had been no previous evidence to suggest that the eggs might be fertile. We again made plans to provide the pair with a foster chick to raise.

The first egg did not hatch and we had little hope for the second because it was very small. The day-long process of the chick piping and hatching from the egg happens between 34-36 days. At sunrise, on the second egg’s 36th day of incubation, we had no indication of any activity. However, at 10:04 am on March 21, 2017, much to our surprise, the egg hatched. The first of spring had arrived with gifts.

Prior to the chick completely hatching, we noticed both parents standing in the nest, looking down at the shell. A small hole in the appeared as the chick began to work his way out. Transfixed to the monitor in the office, we watched as *Kche Gizhek* turned the egg repeatedly, instinctively helping the chick out of the remaining shell as it hatched. Both parents looked down at the small, wet, and tired chick before *Kche Gizhek* began brooding the chick to keep it warm. Gently, with her large feet and talons closed into a ball, she moved to straddle the chick and nestled it against her warm chest. The first four days are critical and we had several cold nights but the eaglet is strong and vigorous, growing rapidly with two exceptional parents.

Congratulations *Kche Gizhek* and *Zagéndem-nené*! The Nation could not be happier. More updates on the chick will be available in upcoming editions of the *Hownikan*.

For more information or learn more about the CPN Eagle Aviary, visit potawatomiheritage.org/#aviary.



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CHC employee Leslie Deer leads a class that helps design and create the regalia, but also gives the group creative freedom to choose their own fabrics and designs.

“It’s important to learn how to make your own regalia because you can tell your story better than anyone else and you’re also preserving traditional ways that can be handed down,” she said.

Among the group is Bourbonnais, Tescier and Nadeau family mem-

ber Czarina Thompson, who said she enjoys the comradery and instruction she gets from other people who attend.

“I love to sew and could sew at home, but I love the inspiration and feedback I get from others who come to our class,” she said. “Leslie is knowledgeable on sewing regalia from different tribes and dance disciplines. Her attitude inspires creativity, individuality and she understands needs based on one’s personal view of who they are based on their cultural beliefs.”

Jayne Fleischfresser – also a member of the Bourbonnais, Tescier and Nadeau families – said she has formed good friendships through the class and that being around everyone lifts her spirits.

“My first project was a tote bag with applique,” she explained. “The big

project was my regalia. My Indian name is *Bamashi Sego* and translates to Soaring Crane. So, of course, I had to add my rendition of a soaring crane and water bird. I chose red and black as the main colors then accented with white.”



Tribal member Jayne Fleischfresser poses in her handmade regalia

Deer encourages all men and women who want to learn how to make their own regalia to join the class, which meets each Tuesday at 5-7 p.m. at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.



POTAWATOMI GATHERING OF NATIONS BUS TRIP AUGUST 1-7, 2017

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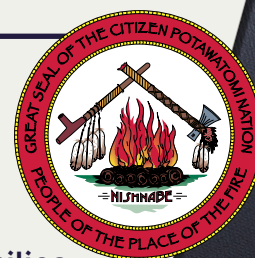
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Preserving culture for all Citizen Potawatomi Nation members. Citizen Potawatomi Nation opened the cultural heritage center in January 2006 and it is currently undergoing a complete renovation of the museum. New exhibits will be open in January 2018.

Protecting our prayer messengers. Since opening in 2012, the eagle aviary has become a place for tribal members to rekindle ceremonies and traditions. Aviary staff manages and distributes eagle feathers to CPN tribal members for use in ceremony, prayer, and on regalia while providing a forever home for our prayer messengers.



Improving access to government and culture for all tribal members. Chairman Barrett spearheaded the 2007 constitutional reform in order to provide a more representative government for Potawatomi tribal members and give them access to more information and history about the tribe. He has supported bringing ceremony and traditional activities to tribal members across the United States.

Preserving Potawatomi language for future generations. Through partnerships with local universities, Chairman Barrett has made the Potawatomi language available to all online and for college credit.

We must continue to rekindle our ceremonies, traditions, and language for future generations. It has been my honor to support these initiatives and to serve as your Tribal Chairman.

CPN Veterans report: May 2017



By Daryl Talbot, Commander

Bozho,
(Hello)

At our March CPN Veterans Organization meeting, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps presented Clyde "Rowdy" Yates, our CPN Tribal Veterans Representative, with a special award for his service to the tribe's veterans over the years. Mrs. Capps also introduced David Stallings, Southwest Area manager for Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, and Steve Webb, a veterans' service representative for Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. They answered many questions that our attending veterans had about benefits and urged each of our members to enroll with the VA, which would put them in the system and allow their individual needs to be addressed.

Getting in the system is the first step.

Steve Webb has an office in the new CPN Workforce & Social Services Building at 1549 Workforce Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801 and will be there every first and third Monday of each month. He also has an office at Workforce Oklahoma on the Gordon Cooper Technology Center campus in Shawnee every Tuesday. If you are a veteran and have needs or questions, go see him. He can be reached by phone at 405-878-3854.

The Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration hosted wreath-laying ceremonies the week of April 6 to commemorate the 353,082 World War I Veterans interred in VA sites across the country. These wreath-laying ceremonies re-committed the promise to memorialize the service and sacrifice of World War I Veterans enshrined in the national cemeteries. The CPN Veterans Organization's Color Guard attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tecumseh American Legion recently



CPN Veterans Group Color Guard members David Barrett and Bill Wano present a wreath to Medal of Honor recipient Ruben Rivers' sister at the Tecumseh American Legion. Photo courtesy the Countywide & Sun newspaper.

for World War II Medal of Honor recipient Ruben Rivers in late March. Rivers is the only recipient of the nation's highest military honor from Pottawatomie County. It was a very moving and inspirational event.

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Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the

fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the CPN Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN and spouse veterans and their families are welcome. A meal is provided.

If I can be of service, please write me at talbotok@sbcglobal.net.

CPN's U.S. Congressional delegation

Though Citizen Potawatomi Nation has more than 32,000 members around the world, the home of the tribe for more than a century has been in Oklahoma. While local issues at the state, county and municipal levels are always relevant to the tribe, its members and employees, the issues facing Indian Country are often under the purview of the federal government, including the U.S. Congress.

Of note, each Oklahoma congressional representative has Oklahoma-based offices in cities across the state. Refer to their website for those office addresses. For congressional delegation information for CPN members living outside of the tribe's home in central Oklahoma, visit www.whoismyrepresentative.com or look in your local newspaper for their information.



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CPN Child Development Center students place second in OU Language Fair

The University of Oklahoma held its annual Native American Youth Language Fair competition at the Sam Noble Museum, and once again Potawatomi language students did well. Students from the CPN Child Development Center four-year-old class placed second for their performance in the pre-K to second grade, large group song category.

“They are little guys for this category. It’s pre-K to second grade but they aren’t really pre-K, we are talking four year old kids, so I thought they did an awesome job,” Neely said.

CDC pre-K students sang two songs in the Potawatomi language – “How is the Weather Today?” and “Hello-Goodbye.”

CPN Language Director Justin Neely and his department staff teach students the songs in Potawatomi language.

“OU has been hosting the native language fair for 15 years and the tribe has participated in the five of them,” said CPN Language Director Justin Neely. “We saw it as a way for to incentive what the kids had been learning in our language classes. It took a couple years before we had a group comfortable enough to perform, but I think our high finishes in the competitions show how far our CDC students have come.”



CPN Child Development Center students wore matching regalia made by Enedina Banks and other CPN employees.

Tribes from across the nation travel to compete in song and dance categories to encourage children to learn their native languages and about other tribes.

“It’s really the only event of its kind anywhere in the country that I’m aware of. The lucky thing for us is that it’s only 45 minutes down the road and we don’t have to travel from New Mexico to be a part of it,” said Neely.

In the past four years, CPN students have taken first place. Students be-

gin practicing for the language fair in January during the afternoon language class at the child development center.

“I think a lot of the success has to do with the dedication of the staff, I’ve got some great employees that work in the daycare. They are really receptive about what we are trying to do. They are happy to let us come in and practice extra times if we need to with them,” Neely said.

Neely also credited the support of parents.

“At home, we enjoy and look forward to Liam’s ‘performance’ of what he has learned that week,” parent Ale-sha Hill said.

Neely says the parents are very receptive and that CPN always gets a nice turn out to see the kids perform.

Hill agreed and said, “Even though I’m not Native American, I feel my son’s Native heritage is an important part of who he is and an imperative part of his education, CPN provides a fun learning environment that has allowed Liam the opportunity to explore his Native American culture through language music and dance.”

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- He represents all tribal members
- He is active in Community Service promoting the Nation
- He is proactive and supportive in extension and access of tribal benefits to all tribal members
- He is an open and honest communicator
- He has in-depth experience in business, budgets, customer service, and government legislative responsibility

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RE-ELECT BOB WHISTLER

Paid for by Robert Whistler, Bedford, Texas.

Opportunities within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health System - Then, Now and Tomorrow

**By George Adam Vascellaro, D.O.
- Board Certified Family Physician
and CPNHS Medical Director**

Although, I have had the pleasure of being a family doctor for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation West Clinic since August 14, 2012, it was not my first encounter with the health system. My very first interview was in 2002 with Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services for a position at the tribe's only clinic facility. At that time I was working out of a rural osteopathic family practice residency in Durant, Oklahoma. The interview went well but I had to decline because, as a single parent with two young children, I needed employment closer to my parents in Yukon. The Lord works in mysterious ways, and 10 years later I was again interviewing with CPNHS for a full-time family physician at the recently constructed west clinic. The clinic hadn't found a permanent provider and on day one I saw 18 patients. It hasn't slowed down since.

The west clinic now staffs three full-time family physicians, one pediatrician and one nurse practitioner. In that time I have had the privilege to gain the role of CPNHS medical director on top of a full-time family practice. Today, CPN Health Services has multiple clinics, physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, psychologists, optometrists, physical therapists, nurses, technicians and other allied health professionals.

In the more than four years I've been here at CPNHS it has been easy to see the growth of the tribe's health programs. Expansions have been due to the vision of tribal leadership and the need and demand of our com-

munity. New services have included optometry, mammography, physical therapy, urgent care and multiple new medical providers. These new providers are the main reason I'm writing to you today. It is also the reason, in my opinion, the future of the CPNHS is very bright.

One of the most rewarding duties as CPNHS medical director is the recruitment of new medical providers. This has been made easy for me thanks to years of groundwork laid by Chairman John Barrett, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and the CPN Tribal Legislature. Through various CPN tribal undergraduate scholarship programs, a pipeline of bright new doctors and nurses has formed many well-qualified Citizen Potawatomi Nation medical providers.

In the past year, CPNHS has added tribal members, Kassi Roselius, M.D., MPH and Destiny Mitchell, ARNP to our medical staff, and what blessings they have been.

Dr. Roselius is a family physician at the west clinic as well as the CPNHS public health coordinator, a role created specifically for her due to her master's in public health. She has been a valuable leader to the CPNHS public health department, which has grown since her arrival and will continue to do so.

Destiny Mitchell, APRN is staffing the recently created role of floating provider and she covers the other providers' practices when they are on vacation or ill. If all providers are present then she goes to an available area to provide overflow coverage. This has given the clinics significant flexibility in provider staffing and re-

duced the need to cancel or reschedule patients. She is doing a wonderful job.

CPNHS has another CPN tribal member joining in August 2017, Megan Wilson, M.D., a family physician. She will begin her career at the east clinic. She was also assisted with her undergraduate education by a CPN scholarship.

Thus far I've spoken with or known of three other CPN medical students and two CPN nurse practitioner students graduating in the next three to eight years. I'm confident that multiple others exist that I'm yet to become aware of.

This leads me to the next point, which is to develop a CPNHS database for qualified current or future medical professionals, which is an idea from Chairman Barrett that I fully support. Many of the contacts already made were through word of mouth by patients, family members or the providers calling CPNHS. This is the time to shift it to a more proactive form of CPN tribal medical professional recruitment. Even if you are retired, practicing elsewhere or have other plans, you would be a valuable addition to the database. The main reason for this, of course, would be to provide more employment opportunities for CPN tribal members, but there are other reasons as well. We would benefit from developing a network of professionals that we could reference, consult and seek peer review. Please email your résumé or CV to cpnhealthdatabase@potawatomi.org or fax it to 405-964-5788, attention Dr. Vascellaro.



George Adam Vascellaro, D.O.

I tell CPN leadership routinely that it was a blessing to become an employee for the CPNHS and I have worked hard since day one to reward them for that choice. With confidence, I say to you that the work environment is second to none in providing amazing patient care for all Native Americans, CPN employees and family and CPN member spouses. The clinic facilities are state-of-the-art, support staffing is second to none, and the compensation and benefits are competitive.

The relationships that last are the ones that are beneficial for all involved. The current and future opportunities at this time between CPNHS and CPN tribal medical professionals meet that criterion. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Since our new constitution became effective in 2008, our Legislators have been a tremendous asset to help continue the growth of the Nation. They have been instrumental in reaching out to our tribal members to bring new and innovative ways to assist our tribal population.

This year's election will decide not only the Chairman's position, but that of Districts One, Two, Three and Four.

Districts One and Two have no opponents; therefore, Roy Slavin and Eva Marie Carney will automatically be re-elected. There are opponents for Districts Three and Four...Bob Whistler and Jon Boursaw's districts. Each of these two offices have opponents.

I believe that the teamwork of our present Legislators is commendable. Each is his/her own person whose heart is sincere in caring for the tribal people. They each work with their constituents in the most efficient and effective manner that funding constraints allow.

WHEN YOU CAST YOUR VOTE; CONSIDER KEEPING OUR TEAM TOGETHER.

Language with Justin: May 2017

By Justin Neely, Director of CPN Language Department

We have a lot of great stuff going on with the Citizen Potawatomi Language Department. The children from the CPN Child Development Center placed second at the University of Oklahoma’s Native American Language Fair. Read the story on page 14 for full details. The kids competed in an age group older than they should have and our four-year-old class did great. Mrs. Enedina Banks did an excellent job working with the kids and making their ribbon shirts and skirts. Our congratulations to the kids on an awesome job.

Our online language course continues to be very well attended, with 544 different people joining in. Currently the ‘Beginner’ course is 20 chapters and you can follow that with another 20 chapters in ‘Beginner II.’ We are currently working on an ‘Intermediate’ course which should be available in the next couple of months.

Also available online is our Lexique Pro Potawatomi Dictionary, which in



Aailyah Raghoebar, Brecken Ramsey and Harper Peirce.

its current version has about 5,200 words. We are also working on a newer version that will have more than 10,000 words. We look to release it in the next couple of months.

Also available is our children’s course accessed at <http://cpn.news/kidslanguagecourse>.

This page is designed so kids can explore. It is built with an image of a town. A child can click on the town

and then click on one of the different buildings. Once inside they will have a choice of two different areas. Once they chose one of these areas they can then click on different points inside the room to open a variety of different videos. There are songs, learning videos, cultural teaching videos and some goofy videos to hopefully keep them entertained. We are planning on releasing these as a DVD in the near future.

Mnokme kedwnen - Spring words

Mnokme - spring (mih noke may)

Jigwek bmo sewat - The thunders are walking. (Jeeg wack buh moe say waht)

Jigwekya - It is thundering. (Jeeg wack yah)

Wawasmo - Lightening (Wah wahs moe)

Waskonedo - Flower (Wahs cone nuh doe)

Waskonedoyen - Flowers (Wahs cone nuh doe)

Mekchako - Frog (muck chah koe)

Waseya - It is bright. (Wah say yah)

Gtegan - Garden (Guh tuh gan)

Gmowen - It is raining. (Guh moe win)

Amo - Bee (Ah moe)

RE-ELECT
JON BOURSAP

DISTRICT 4
LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

WHY RE-ELECT JON BOURSAP?

- He is dedicated to the preservation of tribal culture and history
- He provides representation to all tribal members
- He communicates open and honestly
- He is an advocate for veterans
- He supports expansion and access of tribal benefits for all members

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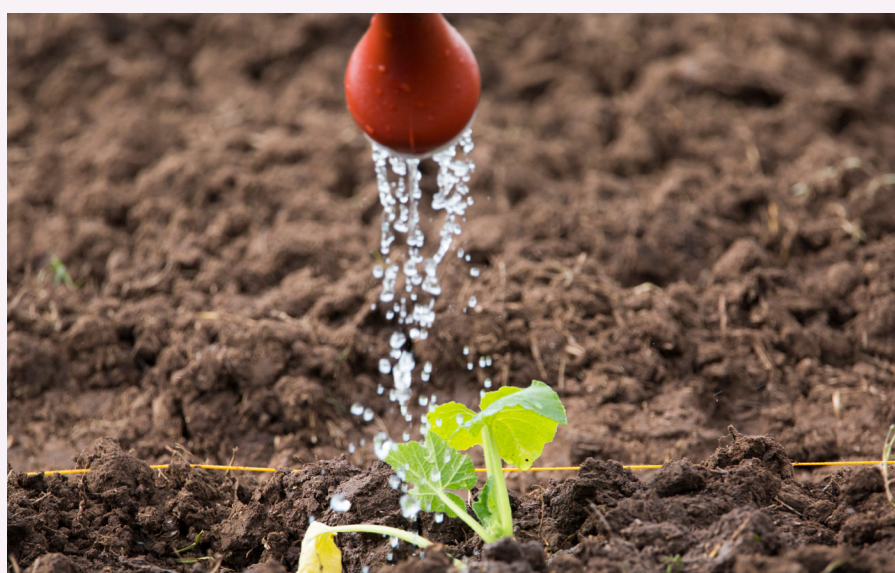
CPN Community Garden update: May 2017

Conversations about a Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Garden began in 2014 when tribal members and employees brainstormed ideas how to bring Citizen Potawatomi of various generations together for cultural activities.

“Gardening and farming is something our Potawatomi ancestors have done together for centuries. We wanted to have a place where families or groups of any age could come and spend time together, outside in the fresh air,” CPN Cultural Heritage Center Director Kelli Mosteller, Ph.D., said. “It is an opportunity to get some exercise, work with your hands and see where our food comes from.”

As many *Hownikan* readers know, this idea became reality in 2014 as a CPN Cultural Heritage Center project. The garden has moved to its third location for spring 2017 and many cultural aspects are being added to the new space.

“We have a three sisters garden area that is set aside from the rest in this garden. It allows us to grow our beans, corn and squash together, the way our ancestors did,” said Mosteller. “We are also building an outdoor kitchen area that will allow people, including our youth program, to cook over fire using more traditional techniques. In the future, we hope to grow some of our traditional medicines around the garden complex.”



Volunteers have been watering plants and setting up a new irrigation system.



The Potawatomi word for strawberry is demen.

The new garden site has been a joint effort by several CPN departments and a lot of manpower is still needed to make this year’s garden a success.

“It takes a great deal of work to get a garden of this size established, and

we compounded the amount of work by including the construction of the hoop house, the new shed, and the relocation of the greenhouse,” Mosteller said. “The spring and summer months require at least six to 10 volunteers working an hour or two

per week to keep up with regular maintenance activities, like weeding, watering, adding compost or mulch, checking for bugs and more.”

At harvest time, garden coordinators will call for ‘all hands on deck.’ Some vegetables, like okra, peppers, and some beans need to be harvest almost every day, Mosteller explained.

This year, two full-time employees – Andrew Gourd and Coby Lehman – and intern Heath Steward, are spending much of their time working at the garden. They can adjust their schedules to spend several hours a week working on the project when it is necessary.

“I don’t think we could have made this transition to the new garden spot without them. It has really taken a team who can stop everything else and focus on the looming projects that have to be completed so we can move on to the next task,” Mosteller said. “I’m really grateful for all of them. I’m excited that this is something we offer to the community.”

If you are interested in getting involved with the CPN Community Garden, follow the “Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Cultural Heritage Center” Facebook page for updates at cpn.news/garden.

RE-ELECT JON BOURSABW DIST 4 REPRESENTATIVE

2013

JOINED BY GOVERNOR BROWNBACK AT THE SITE OF THE SUGAR CREEK RESERVATION TO COMMEMORATE THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POTAWATOMI TRAIL OF DEATH. LATER THE GOVERNOR PRESENTED THE NATION WITH A PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING HIS APOLOGY FOR THE MISTREATMENT AND HARDSHIPS EXPERIENCED BY THOSE WHO WERE ON THE TRAIL.



2015

WHO NEEDS A LAPTOP AND PROJECTOR TO GIVE A PRESENTATION? ON MEMORIAL DAY I GAVE THE MY CPN HISTORY PRESENTATION AT BILL BRETHOUR’S RANCH TO A GROUP OF 40 OF HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY. BILL’S RANCH IS JUST EAST OF MAPLE HILL AND IS THE LOCATION OF JUDE BOURASSA’S HOME SITE AND GRIST MILL ON MILL CREEK (CIRCA 1850). I’VE BEEN ASK TO GIVE 8-12 PRESENTATIONS EACH YEAR.



2014

JOINED CPN ELDER MEMBER JIM CODER IN UNVEILING THE REPLACEMENT SIGN ON THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER BOURBONNAIS CREEK LOCATED BETWEEN ROSSVILLE AND ST. MARYS ON US-24. TO OBTAIN THE NEW SIGN AND CORRECT THE SPELLING OF THE CREEK TOOK 12 MONTHS. JIM IS A BOURBONNAIS DESCENDANT.



2016

THIS PHOTO OF 4 CPN VETERANS AT THE ANNUAL MASSING OF COLORS AT THE GREAT OVERLAND STATION IN TOPEKA REPRESENTS MY INVOLVEMENT IN



TRIBAL VETERANS ACTIVITIES. WITH ME ARE MY BROTHER LYMAN, PAUL MCGUIRE, AND ROY SLAVIN.



Tribal Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett

Bozho nikanek,
(Hello my friends)

Spring is just about in full bloom here and the tribal lands are green and colorful. With such a mild and short winter it seems a very short time since fall. Our eight year drought is still in evidence in the ponds and lakes, but things are growing again with the spring rains. Our corn fields come right up to tribal headquarters, so each day we get to see the long emerald rows get at least an inch taller. The last trees to leaf out in Oklahoma are the pecans and other hardwoods, so our big shade trees on the golf course are just now coming out of bud. This is my favorite time of the year.

I got out the fishing tackle last night, mostly just to play around. With little spare time, most of my fishing is just day dreaming, but it is still fun. I believe it was President Calvin Coolidge that said "time spent fishing does not count against the time God allotted to you here on Earth."

Our new fishing venue for tribal members to "cane pole" fish is the geothermal pond that cools the water for the exchangers for FireLake Arena, FireLake Bowling Center and BDC Gun Room. The cane pole requirement is to keep casting lures out of the cooling units that line the pond bottom. The water quality is good and the fish that were pumped in from the river when we filled the pond have grown amazingly. We will open the fishing this summer after the Family Heritage Festival and CPN General Council meeting on the last Saturday in June.

Planning is underway for the presentation to the trib-



The geothermal pond just west of FireLake Arena.

al legislature for the annual budget. One of the newest proposed projects is an Ace Hardware franchise store east of FireLake Express Grocery in Tecumseh. The recent approval of our application by the Ace Hardware Company could mean their first franchise store on an Indian reservation in the entire United States. This is also a much needed service in the Tecumseh community. We hope to include some building materials and farm supplies.

All of our expansion plans are centered on creating employment opportunities for Citizen Potawatomi and earning revenue to deliver services to our people. With our disputes and lawsuits with the state nearing an end, we hope to catch up on the projects that were delayed. This will include investment opportunities for our people, new housing of every kind, more entertainment venues, cultural events, and new and exciting jobs to fill. This is an exciting and hopeful time for our tribe.

One of our most pressing needs right now is for information. We need to know what skills our people possess. We are putting together a form of census to find out what our tribal citizens can do, or want to learn to do. Employment here at your tribal home can be a future option for you or your family. Please help us find out what we need - and you want. Look for it in the mail and online.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your tribal chairman I believe my record as tribal chairman shows the progress we have made and ask all to vote in the June 24, 2017 election. Remember, absentee ballots must be postmarked by June 4, 2017 to be counted.

Migwetch,
(Thank you)

John "Rocky" Barrett
Keweoge
(He Leads Them Home)
Tribal Chairman



Vice-Chairman - Linda Capps

Bozho,
(Hello)

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is blessed to have a membership of outstanding young people all over the United States. We especially found that to be true as tribal youth began to visit the Nation under the Potawatomi Leadership Program beginning in 2003. Our astute

legislators also bring outstanding young people to our attention as they conduct district meetings throughout the country.

I am fortunate to have discovered one of these amazing young tribal members in April. Her name is Katerina (Kate) Ann Schoeman from Brea, California. Kate was accompanied by her mother, Wendy Schoeman, in a pre-arranged visit to our headquarters. Kate's father, Kenneth Schoeman, contacted me early in March about the possibility of Kate coming to the tribe as a volunteer...in any capacity. When I learned about her talent, it seemed a perfect fit for her to share with our children and teenagers her expertise in

performing and teaching ballet. Wow! The very idea of having such a talented young tribal member visit us from out-of-state to interact with our youth was definitely an astonishing concept.

Kate was willing to give up her spring break, and her parents were willing to pay all the expenses for her to exercise her dream of visiting the tribe. As I observed Kate this past week, the 17-year old junior at the Orange County School for Performing Arts in Santa Ana, California proved to be talented beyond her years. In fact, Kate actually had to audition with 350 other candidates in order to attend her high school. The bright and accomplished ballerina was chosen along with only seven other girls in their particular expertise. She is a "straight A" student who works part-time at The Dance Spot, one of the highest-ranking competition dance studios in the nation. Her love of teaching young people ballet was truly evident as she worked with our own students at the CPN Child Development Center.

Kate's heritage family is the Bertrand family. Kate's father was originally from Wanette, Oklahoma. It seemed fitting for me to take Kate and Wendy to Wanette so that is what we did the second day of their visit. Kate's late Potawatomi grandfather was Winford Schoeman.



Kay Ann led a class at the child development center.

Her father, Kenneth, has three brothers and a sister... Randal, Ronald, Gary and Lorine Schoeman-Gloady. Although their home is no longer standing in Wanette, we asked a local resident the approximate location of the old railroad tracks within the town where their home once stood. It was a far-fetched conception, but I think Kate and her mother could at least visualize an approximate location of the family home.

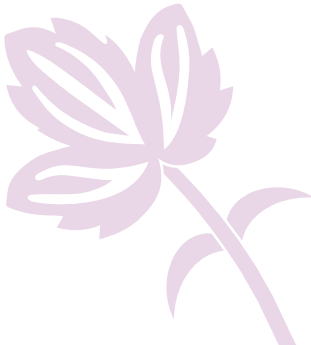
My message to Kenneth Schoeman is a hearty thank you for allowing and financing Kate and Wendy's visit to CPN. I am thankful for the opportunity to meet your beautiful daughter and wife. Thanks, too, to Randal for suggesting that you contact me. I have known Randal Schoeman for many years. In addition, I have met most of your family at one time or other, including your mother. I look forward to seeing

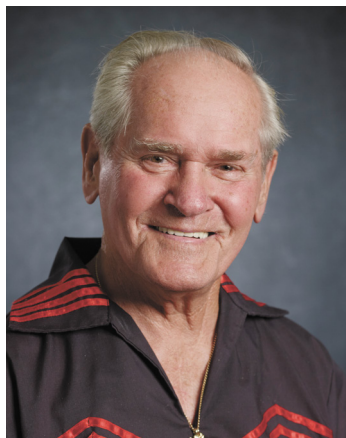
the Schoeman family in the future. I would be remiss if I didn't say that your entire family is blessed to be so talented, successful and handsome.

The Festival is right around the corner so I will be seeing many of you very soon. As usual, I am excited about our forthcoming festival.

Migwetch,
(Thank you)

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Segenakwe
(Black Bird Woman)
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District 1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho nikan,
(Hello friend)

May is here and the Family Reunion Festival in June is fast approaching. Now is the time to make your reservations if you plan on attending, the hotels fill up fast.

If you have never attended the Festival I encourage you

to make plans to do so. It's a great time to visit with family and make new friends. Festival dates are June 23-25, 2017. Activities include grand entry, classes, craft classes, dance contest and general council. Tribal elections are also held, in person voting occurs on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the tribal court room in the CPN Administration Building. All information will be updated, as it is available, here <http://cpn.news/festival2017>.

Honored families this year are Bourassa, Burnett, Navarre, Melot, Vieux, Peltier, Wamego and Willmet. This is also a good time to apply for scholarships. Fall schol-

arship application opens June 15 closes September 15.

Festival is also a great time to visit the aviary. I cannot say enough about Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham, the two ladies who run the aviary and care for the eagles. I hope everyone had a chance to read the great article in the April 2017 *Hownikan* about *Wadasé Zhabwé* (Brave Breakthrough) and her adventures. *Wadasé* is the first bald eagle banded and released from a Native American aviary with GPS tracking telemetry and I am always amazed at the data recorded. Her top speed is 65 mph (wow) and she has recorded

more than 30,000 telemetry points in her journeys across Oklahoma. Thank you Jennifer and Bree for all the great work you do for our messengers to the Creator.

Having mentioned our Family Reunion Festival, I should also mention the 2017 Gathering of Potawatomi Nations and encourage everyone to attend if possible. The Gathering this year is hosted by Walpole Island First Nation in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada from August 2-5, 2017.

Remember, a current passport is mandatory. See the graphic on page 11 on your travel documents and the CPN bus.

I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you do not receive email or regular mail occasionally from me, it is because I do not have your information and due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with that information. I may be reached at rslavin@potawatomi.org or rjslavin@gmail.com, or by phone toll free 1-888-741-5767.

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District 2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikanek,
(Hello friends)

Crafting update: A group of us got together at my home in late March to follow Lakota Pochedley's video instructions (<http://tinyurl.com/lakotamocs>) and Lyle Simmons' photo-illustrated instructions for making pucker toe mkesinen, the Potawatomi word for moccasins. Some in the group were fortunate (and speedy with our requests to be included) to participate in the opportunity offered by the CPN Cultural Heritage Center to craft moccasins, using materials sent out by the CHC, to signify our removals from the Great Lakes region in the 1830s; others brought their own supplies and made moccasins for personal use. The concept of the CHC project is that the moccasins that 86 tribal members contribute will specifically represent our ancestors who were re-

moved from Indiana on the Trail of Death in 1838. In total, 859 tribal members made the 660 mile walk from *Menominee's* village in northern Indiana to our new reservation in Kansas, so each pair made will represent ten individuals who made the journey. Lakota's video gives some more detail on the project, as does the video made by CHC Director Kelli Mosteller Ph.D., available here: cpn.news/mocswall.

You can see the array of *mkesinen* made by all 86 contributors in June if you are able to attend the Family Reunion Festival and tour the new exhibits. As a preview, included here are some photos of our work that day, and photos of the moccasins I completed (they are edge beaded using instructions from Georg J. Barth's book, "Native American Beadwork, Tradition Beading Techniques for the Modern-Day Beadworker," and stamped under the moccasin flaps with my "signature" bluebird stamp). I am grateful to Mosteller for extending the invitation to participate in the project to Citizen Potawatomi throughout the United States

I've put up on my website, for long-term reference, the



Displaying our pucker-toe moccasins

links to her video discussing the project and to Lakota's and Lyle's instructions (the latter is a PDF). Visit evamariecarney.com, under the Heritage tab (the password is "potawatomi heritage", two words, no quote marks) for these. Barth's book is sold in our Citizen Potawatomi Gift Shop at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org> as well as by Amazon and other booksellers. If you are interested in purchasing a moccasin kit from the gift shop to make a pair for yourself or a family member, the number is 405-275-3119; I understand the cost of the kit is \$45, plus shipping. I was surprised at the pride and strong sense of accomplishment I felt in mastering the various edge beading techniques. I encourage you to try your hand at this or another traditional craft – frankly, if I can do it most anyone can!

Make plans for December in Washington, D.C.: We now have a date for our next visit to the Cultural Resource Center of the National Museum of the American Indian in Suitland, Maryland: Friday, December 1, 2017. The tour will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; the group is limited to

12. It's a great opportunity to take a peek at the larger collection as well as to closely examine beadwork, ribbon applique, woodworking skills and other traditional handwork of Potawatomi ancestors. I hope you can join us for the tour and for lunch before at the small café that is part of the Suitland com-

the Festival I hope to connect with you. Please let me know your plans. Keeping with tradition, the traditional hand games competition is Friday night, June 23, 2017. District 2 will have a team (or even two, if sufficient interest), so I'd also appreciate hearing from you if you want to play on our team(s) (no experience necessary; you can learn while playing).

It's a joy to meet new Potawatomi and visit again with those I've met before, and to otherwise serve you and the Nation. *Migwetch* (thank you) for the honor of representing you in the Nation's legislature. Please don't delay in requesting your absentee ballots and then please be sure to return the ballot before Election Day in June.

Bama mine,
(Until later)

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Some of the Korzeniewski family members who made moccasins.



A close up of the beadwork and stamp detail on my CHC moccasins.

plex. Please RSVP to me as soon as your plans are clear, to reserve your spot. Photos from the February visit are available at <http://tinyurl.com/FebArchives>.

Visiting together during Festival: If you are attending



Bozho nikan,
(Hello friend)

March and April were busy months in District 3. We had a nice meeting in Tyler on March 18 at which the chairman and vice-chairman attended. The following day, I went to Santa Fe Days in Carrollton. There, I meet several individuals, two of whom gave me information on scholarships that we didn't know about. The information and contacts were given to staff for follow up. One of the scholarships uses a golf tournament to raise the funds for their program. I was able to get four of our tribal members: Craig Anderson, Jim Boggs, Kent Longo, and Robert Scott to play in the tournament as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation team on April 7. My thanks go to them for taking a Friday off to represent us in this very worthy program, especially considering they took first place! Congratulations to the team and a big *migwetch* for representing our Nation so well in a tournament for a great cause!

April brought five more scheduled meetings in District 3 to meet the candidates. To make things a little differ-

District 3 - Bob Whistler

ent, we held some in museums, a museum library, the Texas Motor Speedway, a gun and archery range meeting room and also a hotel. By now, many of you may have already completed and submitted your absentee ballot. In case you didn't receive the invitation to use an absentee ballot, I still have a few of the application forms that can be submitted. The actual ballot itself must be postmarked by June 4 in order to be included. Either email me or call to request the form, and I'll mail it to you.

Spring is here and as usual we have lots of new life in nature with the blooming of plants, leaves on trees coming forth, and many new members in the animal kingdom. I happen to look out the window in my backyard and saw a mother possum slowly walking along with four new arrivals hanging on. Not one of favorite animals, but no less it was a pleasure to see that the Creator keeps the life cycle going.

On the other side of this cycle, we have those that may be nearing their end. I am bringing this up because there may be suffering and expense that can be made easier to cope with in comfort and dignity. I recently came across an article about hospice that was an eye opener. For any senior who has Medicare Part A, otherwise called hospital care, they are eligible for the Medicare Hospice Care program if the senior is terminally ill with less than six months to live. This must be certified by

your physician and a hospice medical director.

Many times, eligible patients wait too long to apply for this program. I thought that cancer patients would be most likely to get into this type of program. However, there are others that may be eligible and these include those with Parkinson's disease, heart disease, late-stage Alzheimer's disease, non-Alzheimer's dementia and any other terminal condition.

Normally under Medicare your financial responsibility is 20 percent of the cost of medical treatment. In this program for the inpatient respite care, there is no deductible and your cost is five percent. The cost for prescription drugs to relieve pain or manage your symptoms is only \$5.

I happened to read about this in a paper that I normally do not receive called *Seniorific News*. It was their March 2017 edition. There is much more to this program than I have outlined. If you have a relative that you feel may find relief or help in using this program you can visit Medicare's website at www.Medicare.gov or call their 24/7 telephone number at 1-800-633-4227. Medicare has a publication, *Medicare Hospice Benefits*, on the subject which may be downloaded from the Medicare website.

With this edition of the *Hownikan*, we are now only about seven or eight weeks away from Family Festival. Several months ago, I men-



Jim Boggs, Robert Scott, Craig Anderson and Kent Longo.

tioned that I would talk to our enterprise FireLake Designs about making tee shirts for the Bourassa family since our family will be one of the honored families in 2017. I have only heard from one person and we would need more than that in order for them to create the shirt. I bring this up again, since there would still be time to do this if there is enough interest. If we go through them, you would need to submit an order to them and pay in advance. Then you would need to go to their office to get your shirt(s). Check out them out online at www.firelakedesigns.com, www.facebook.com/firelakedesigns or by calling (405) 878-8770.

We will be given the opportunity to enter the arena as a family group on Saturday night at Family Festival. You still have plenty of time to get your regalia in order. A shawl for the ladies and a sash or ribbon shirt for the men. There will be vendors at Family Festival and our

gift shop at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center will have these for sale. They can be found online at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org>, www.facebook.com/potawatomi-gifts or by calling (405) 275-3119.

In closing, I am proud and honored to be your elected representative for District 3. I am on the 2017 ballot along with my opponent. Please take the time to vote. Your vote is important. If re-elected, I will continue to look for opportunities that may benefit our Nation, individual tribal members, and hopefully you too.

Bama pi,
(Later)

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104th birthday: Just a couple days before submitting this article I had the pleasure of joining Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps in Ft Scott, Kansas to extend greetings to Lavon Lybarger Hill in recognition of her 104th birthday. I am pleased to report that Lavon is in excellent health and a true joy to spend time with. Lavon is a descendant of Louis Vieux. A native of Ft. Scott she is the senior CPN elder in Kansas. That is her with chairman and I on the front page of this very newspaper.

Graduates: A few weeks ago, I received the following from a very proud grandfa-

District 4 - Jon Boursaw

ther. I felt his comments deserved to be included in my column.

"I have two grandchildren that I am very proud of who will be graduating this spring. They, of course, are tribal members. Jacob Foutz will graduate from Standley Lake High School in Westminster, CO after a stellar academic career and after having served as the starting quarterback on the Standley Lake football team. Jake has been accepted to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder in the fall. Taylor Foutz, also an excellent student, will graduate from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. She has been accepted into the graduate school at CSU where she will pursue a master's degree. They are the son and daughter of Kathryn Rezac Foutz and the grandchildren of James Rezac.


"Thanks Jon, Jim Rezac."

The Rezacs are descendants of the Bertrand family. I ex-

tend my congratulations to Jake and Taylor.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation's history in Kansas: The following is the second in my series of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's history in Kansas. This extract describes the battle between the Potawatomi and the Pawnee written by William E. Connelley, in his "History of Kansas."

"While the Pawnees had agreed to retire beyond the Platte as early as 1834, they seem to have been possessed of a determination to hold the valley of the Kansas River. No sooner had the Pottawatomies settled themselves about the mission at St. Marys (circa 1850) than the Pawnees began attacks upon them, intending to expel them, or at least hoping to make the new home so uncomfortable the Pottawatomies would abandon it. But the old Algonquian stock was courageous. The Pottawatomies accepted the



All District 4 CPN members,
join us for one of two meetings in Kansas:

Rossville: May 6 at 11 a.m. CPN Community Center, 806 Nishnabe Trail, Rossville, KS, 66533	or	Wichita: May 7 at 1 p.m. Mid-America All-Indian Center. 650 N. Seneca, Wichita, KS, 67203
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Lunch will be provided at both meetings but we need RSVPs to confirm how much food to prepare! Please RSVP and indicate which meeting you will be attending by contacting
Jamie Moucka at 1-800-880-9880 or Jon Boursaw at
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challenge. They declared war on the Pawnees, and dug up the tomahawk. The Pawnee force was camped along the Big Blue, down which stream they always came to make war on the enemies in the valley of the Kansas. The Pottawatomies attacked at the Rocky Ford, in what is now Pottawatomie County. A fierce skirmish ensued in which the superior firearms of the Pottawatomies gave them the advantage. While the Pawnees were not defeated, they did retreat from the field, passing westward

to Chapman's Creek, where they made a stand. There they had a better country for the free movements of their horses, in their peculiar tactics. The Pottawatomies pursued, and when they came up with their foes a considerable battle ensued. The Pawnees had only horsemen, and at the Rocky Ford only mounted Pottawatomies had engaged them. The Pottawatomies had determined to settle once for all whether they could live on the Kansas, and had mustered their

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Jon Boursaw continued...

full strength, many on foot. These latter were stationed in some short bushy ravines under a high steep bank. The Pottawatomie horsemen so maneuvered that the Pawnees were drawn down the prairie along these gullies, when the Pottawatomie footmen lying in ambush there opened fire. The Pawnees were taken by complete surprise.

“Several of their foremost warriors were slain, but they did not give up the battle, which was fiercely contested with the mounted Pottawat-

omies, who were now much encouraged. They charged the Pawnees repeatedly, finally putting them to flight. The Pawnees disappeared northward over the prairies, and never more made a foray below the Big Blue. The Pottawatomies were never more molested by them. They lost some forty warriors in this effort to drive out the Pottawatomies.

“For many years a Pottawatomie chieftain (Kack Kack) who had distinguished himself in this campaign would

decorate himself in true warrior style on the anniversary of the battle and ride to the western and northern boundary lines of the reserve to celebrate the victory and satisfy himself that their frontiers were clear.”

Tribal Elections: By the time you receive this issue of the *Hownikan* the absentee ballots are in the mail. The only way to get a ballot is to have submitted the ballot request form you received several weeks ago. If you have misplaced it or did not re-

ceive one please contact me for assistance. Your ballot request form must be postmarked by June 4, 2017. I feel I have greatly expanded the role of the district representative during my current term and these activities and involvement need to be continued and that is my commitment to you. I sincerely request your support in this effort. It would be my honor to continue to serve you for another four years. You can contact me by email, mail, phone or stop by the office.

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Bozho nikanek,
(Hello my friends)

For those of you who could not come to the District 5 meeting on April 9, 2017, I just want to share a bit about our day. I am always so inspired by the attendance of our members and to hear their stories.

It was held in the breathtakingly beautiful Sonoran Desert Museum, which in itself is a sight to behold. There is never enough time to see, experience and explore the gifts of the desert and the miraculous animal kingdom as God created it.

Chairman John Barrett was there to share the “Beginning Story” and many other legends we all love to hear.

District 5 - Gene Lambert

The acknowledgement of the “full circle of life” and the defining words “from dark to light” we all come and go. He used the flower as a reference as it lives and dies leaving behind the seeds that will germinate in the dark and soon come to full light again. Thus the life cycle. The same process continues with all life as in Native legends tells it and as biblically referenced, I might add.

No one can tell a story like our chairman and there were so many comments on how much our members enjoyed the personal and personable time they were able to share.

Obviously, chairman brought everyone up to date on the financial status of our Nation business by business, situation by situation.

If that wasn’t enough, we can talk about the luncheon buffet full of delicious surprises awakening our taste buds. This is always one of my personal favorites of the day, lunch, superseded only by dinner and good company! It was all there by anyone’s standards.



Chairman with Violet Sophia Esch, held by her father Ethan Esch and mother Rachel Esch.

Mr. John Paine at 97 was the wisest in attendance. John is a newcomer to our district and brought his family members who reside in Tucson, Arizona.

Our youngest member was Violet Sophia Esch, held by her father Ethan Esch and mother Rachel Esch.

Traveled furthest was Harley Gordon, who joined us

after a 350 mile journey. We were squeezed on space for photos this month, but John and Harley will be featured in June’s column.

I would like to thank everyone who helped put this together so successfully. Chairman Barrett’s right hand, Mrs. Jamie Moucka, the Sonoran Desert Museum’s Event Planner, Jessica

Bright, and our own district supporters, there without question every time, Larry and Connie Watson, on the sign-in table.

There are always many behind the scenes that make the woven blanket come to warmth.

So, as “The Roy Rodgers Show” would always say “until we meet again.”

Oh my goodness, there is that age thing again! For those of you too young to remember, there was a television show called “The Roy Rodgers Show” that aired from 1951 until 1957. They ended each episode with the song “Happy Trails” which contained the line “Until we meet again.”

Love you all and appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Warmest personal regards,

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Bozho nikanek,
(Hello friends)

The annual Family Reunion Festival is rapidly approaching and it’s never too early to make plans and get your room reservations with your family to attend the gathering in Shawnee. This year’s celebration runs from June 23-25.

The Honored Families for 2017 are Bourassa, Burnett,

District 7 - Mark Johnson

Navarre, Melot, Vieux, Peltier, Wamego and Willmet.

Activities range from arts and crafts to sporting events and cultural events including the popular hand games. If you are planning to attend and would like to participate in the hand games on Friday evening, I would like to organize a District 7 Hand Games Team so please give me a call if you are interested. Saturday’s highlights are in-person voting for the tribal elections and the afternoon CPN General Council meeting in FireLake Arena followed by the evening’s Grand Entry at the powwow grounds. More information can be found here <http://cpn.news/Festival2017>.

I look forward to meeting the 2017 Potawatomi Leadership Program students at Festival



The Johnsons’ (Vieux) headstone at Tecumseh cemetery.

every summer. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation brings 8-10 tribal members ages 18-20 to learn about the tribe’s government, economic development and culture as part of the Potawatomi Leadership Program. This year’s program runs from

Friday, June 16 through Saturday, July 29. To be eligible for the Potawatomi Leadership Program, students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be 18-20 years old by the program’s start date, and have not completed more than one year of college. Travel expenses, housing, food and a weekly stipend are all provided. In addition, students can receive three college credits from St. Gregory’s University for completing the program. Students can learn more and apply online at plp.potawatomi.org. This excellent program builds the future leaders of our Nation.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be

happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and district.

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(Thank you)

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District 8 - Dave Carney

Greetings from rainy Washington!

This has been an extremely wet winter in Washington and Oregon and generally a cold winter throughout District 8. This March was the fourth wettest in Seattle history at 7.3 inches - double the monthly norm of 3.72 inches. I am really looking forward to a long hot and dry summer.

I need to clarify on my March column where I wrote about Jim Thorpe and his Potawatomi heritage. I want to clarify that Thorpe's mother, Charlotte Vieux, was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi tribe only.

Two events are quickly approaching this summer:

June 3, 2017: Our Nation's executive branch will be hosting a meeting in Vancouver, Washington at the Heathman Lodge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please RSVP by May 30, 2017 to Jamie Moucka at 1-800-880-9880 or jmoucka@potawatomi.org. Please plan on coming to visit with the chairman and vice-chairman.

June 24-26: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will be hosting the Family Festival at the tribal fairgrounds. Official agenda and scheduling of events during this weekend are posted on <http://cpn.news/festival2017> and in the *Hownikan* in June.

If you are planning to come to Oklahoma, there are things to see and do in the Shawnee area not directly linked to tribal activities:

- The Mabee – Gerrer Museum of Art: This is one of the oldest museums in the state of Oklahoma and is on the campus of St. Gregory's University. There are visiting collections, however, the permanent collection boasts Oklahoma's only Egyptian mummy as well as other antiquities from across the globe. To learn more, go to www.mgmoa.org.
- Sante Fe Depot: This native stone, turreted building was used for railway purposes until 1973 and is now a municipal museum housing maps and artifacts from Indian Territory days. On the grounds, in addition to railroad equipment, there are oil field implements and a log cabin that purports to be the first one in the area that was relocated there. To get more information, please go to www.pottcountymuseum.org.
- Shawnee Airport Skydiving: If all this museum talk is putting you to sleep and you are looking for something extreme, then look no further than the Shawnee Airport, where you can go sky-diving



Please join us for a **CPN District 8 meeting**
Visit with tribal executives like Chairman John Barrett and D8 Representative Dave Carney

Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10am-3pm Lunch will be provided	Heathman Lodge 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, Washington 98751 360-254-3100	RSVP by May 30 to Jamie Moucka at jmoucka@potawatomi.org or 1-800-880-9880
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through an outfit called Jump OKC, Scissortail Skydiving. Jumpers must be over 18 and under 230 pounds. See www.scissortailskydiving.com for more details.

Downtown Shawnee has a burgeoning artists' colony of studios and galleries around Main Street. One of the more famous attractions is called The Arts @317 which has a collection of physical and performance art. Down the street at 214 E. Main is Birds of a Feather Art Studio and Gallery and Oklahoma Territory Antiques. This venue is a studio as well as gallery for artwork created by CPN member Penny Coates and other Native Americans. A visit would be a real treat, and of course I'd encourage supporting a Potawatomi business.

I'm looking forward to visiting with many of you this summer.

Bama pi, (Later)

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District 13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho, (Hello)

I am honored this month to make an exciting announcement regarding two of our Title VI attendees, Eddie and Pat Sewell!

Eddie and Pat were married on March 19, 2017 at Living Waters Church in Meeker, Oklahoma. Living Waters Church is also where Eddie and Pat met.

Eddie and Pat are regulars at the Title VI Center, also known as the CPN Elders

Program. When speaking to them they asked me to convey their love and appreciation for our Nation. They feel very blessed to be able to visit the center not only for the delicious meals but for the fellowship with other elders and CPN employees.

Hearing their appreciation for the program and the CPN employees warms my heart and I would like to wish Mr. and Mrs. Sewell all of the love and happiness this life has to offer!

For those of you not familiar, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Title VI program was started in the early 1980s. This program is to serve the needs of the elderly Native Americans.

Each day at the Title VI location in the CPN Wellness Center the program offers dominoes, cable TV, shuf-



Eddie Sewell and Pat Love

fleboard, computer, video games, room for sewing, reading, watching movies or just relaxing. This gives our elders the opportunity to get out of their homes and visit with each other along with tribal employees. In addition to these activities each year,

several day trips are arranged to visit museums and festivals thru out the state.

This program also provides meals Monday-Friday at noon as well as offering deliveries to homebound elders in the CPN jurisdiction.

Native Americans age 55 and older who live in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdiction are eligible and encouraged to participate in the program. Anyone needing home services or with any questions can contact the Title VI office at (405) 273-5236 ext. 292.

Again, congratulations and best wishes Mr. and Mrs. Sewell!

Wishing everyone health and happiness!

It is an honor to be one of your Oklahoma legislative representatives.

Migwetch, (Thank you)

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Ellen “Tiny” Klistoff



Ellen “Tiny” Klistoff passed away after a brave and vigorous four year battle with Leiomyosarcoma cancer in the afternoon of March 17, 2017 in her home at the age of 83.

Ellen was born on Feb. 4, 1934 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma to Alex Bruno and Maymie Duffield. Her father’s family was part of the Potawatomi tribe and her mother was part Cherokee. She was given the nickname “Tiny” from her dad, she lived with her parents and younger sister Clara (nickname June) in Oklahoma until around three or four years old before the family moved to Whittier, California.

In 1955, she met and married her late husband John and they had four kids together while residing in La Mirada, California. Tiny work hard for everything she had and was looked up to by everybody around her, especially her family. She had showed them that regardless of what is going in your life, you need to make the best out of every situation. Fight through hard times and enjoy and party through the good!

Her greatest accomplishment in life was being the mother of four, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 12. Ellen was most certainly “The Rock of the Family”.

Tiny was preceded in death by her parents: Alex and Maymie; her husband: John; and her two sons: Nick and Curtis.

She is survived by her daughters: Dee Dee & Vicki; son-in-law: Pat; and all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her heart, smile & kindness will be missed by all family and friends.

Fred R. Cheatwood



Fred R. Cheatwood was born in Maud, Oklahoma on January 2, 1932 and was called to his heavenly home on February 21, 2017. He lived 85 years, one month and 19 days.

His parents: Lecille and Maggie Cheatwood; brothers: Pete and Bob Cheatwood; sister: Juanita Satterfield all preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years: Sue Ann (Cox) Cheatwood of Broken Arrow; daughters: Teri Brunson (Bob) of Broken Arrow and Tammy Cheatwood Stewart of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; sons: Randy (Joy) Cheatwood of Broken Arrow and Rick Cheatwood of Alberta, Alabama; grandchildren: Lucas (Courtney) Cheatwood of Joplin, Missouri, Chase Cheatwood (Amanda) Cheatwood of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Sarah Faith Cheatwood of Broken Arrow, Tina Zerbe (Dale) and April Walter (Scott); nine great-grandchildren; his 93 year old aunt: Lavon Cheatwood; brother and sister-in laws and nieces and nephews in Oklahoma as well as Alabama and Georgia.

His military service consisted of four years in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955. He was stationed in Alaska as well as Long Beach, California.

He was employed by Boeing and McDonald Douglas and retired from Douglas in 1994. He and his wife were able to travel to Texas and were considered winter Texans for seven years.

With his love of sports, he will be remembered as a caring coach of baseball, softball and basketball of all four of his children. He was an avid Saint Louis Cardinal baseball fan as well as an OU football fan.

He was a life-member of VFW post 10887 and a faithful member of Faith Baptist church in Broken Arrow.

His story-telling will be remembered by all as fun-loving and humorous. He was a very colorful man whose humor was expressed by the stories he told. He will be missed and remembered as a caring and kind generous individual who loved people and they loved him right back.

Services were held at Floral Haven Funeral Home in Broken Arrow on February 27, 2017.

David Louis Wolfe



David Louis Wolfe, 75, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Bonnie Wolfe; daughter: Dana Gove; sons: Kevin Gove and David Fulleylove; loving papa to: Jennifer and Brian Gove and Tarik, Adam and Zach Ramlawi; brothers: Paul and Stan Wolfe; sister: Bonnie Kay Wolfe; loving uncle to special nieces and nephews, and a long list of lifelong friends.

David was preceded in death by his parents: James O. and Eva E. Wolfe; daughters: Denise and Cheri Gove; siblings: Charles, Kathy, Linda and Bill Wolfe.

His lower education took place in Pixley, Delano, and Bakersfield, California. He attended UCSF where he received his PharmD in 1965. His self-drive and ambition took him from working the fields to being a successful pharmacist for 51 years. David was always willing to listen to or help those in need. He was a kind man who touched many lives and will truly be missed.

Donations can be made to The First Tee Foundation in your area or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of David's life will be announced at a later date.

Mary Ann Bomhoff



Mary Ann Bomhoff, 66, of Yukon, Oklahoma, was born December 9, 1949 in Geary, Oklahoma to Bill and Jean Meade. She left this life on November 26, 2016 surrounded by her family after a long courageous battle with lung cancer.

She married the love of her life Thomas Allen Bomhoff on April 25, 1969. They had four daughters and resided in Yukon.

Mary Ann enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her family. She always put her family first. Mary’s greatest legacy is her family. Her love for her husband of 47 years and their daughters will continue to guide them through life. She enjoyed being with her family especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and in-laws: Elmer and Betty Bomhoff.

She is survived by her husband: Tom; daughters: Denise and Chris Ward, Lisa and Craig Simpson, Melissa and Jimmy Parker, Teresa and Chuck Hall; honorary daughter: Yvonne Garcia; honorary son: Cody Bomhoff; grandchildren: Jerrod Ryburn and Wyatt Ward, Haley, Katie and Clayton Simpson, Weston Early and Taylor Parker and Kali Roberts and Faith Delong; sister: Barbara and Rudy Gonzalez; brother: Mark Meade; brothers-in-law: Larry and John Bomhoff and families; sister-in-law: Sharon Bomhoff; as well as numerous other loving family members and friends.

Mary will truly be missed and our lives forever changed by her graciousness.

The family would like to thank Dr. Hollen and staff, Loving Care Home Health and Russell-Murray Hospice for the special care given to Mary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Russell-Murray Hospice.

Funeral services were held on December 1, 2016 at the Yanda and Son Funeral Home Chapel in Yukon, Oklahoma with interment following at the Yukon Cemetery.

GeorgEllen Venturella



GeorgEllen (DeGraff) Venturella, 93, passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2017. GeorgEllen was born on January 5, 1924, in Rossville, Kansas, to Robert George and Eva Sarah (Strimple) DeGraff.

She graduated from Topeka High School in 1942 and from Strickler’s Business College. She married Anthony Venturella in 1944. Together they had four children. GeorgEllen worked for Santa Fe Railway for over 20 years as a supervisor in accounting. She volunteered her time with Can Help, March of Dimes and Literacy Council and was a member of the Santa Fe Singers. She also volunteered her time as a docent with the Great Overland Station. GeorgEllen enjoyed needlepoint, cross-stitch, and quilting.

She is survived by her three children: Dona (Dr. Donald) Dei of South Riding, Virginia, Robert (Alice) Venturella of Battleground, Washington and Paula (Gary) Durston of Gold Canyon, Arizona; five grandchildren: David (Sarabeth) Dei, Tanya (Richard) Myers, Natasha (Matthew) Somma, Brian (Stephanie) Venturella, and Rachel Venturella; five great-grandchildren: Joshua Dei, Abigail Dei, Zachary Myers, Noah Myers, and Rocco Somma; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

GeorgEllen was preceded in death by former husband; son: Dana Venturella; three siblings: Louise Bitner, June Barnes, Laverne Bud DeGraff.

A celebration of life was held on March 19, 2017 at Atria Hearthstone in Topeka, Kansas and a funeral Mass on April 1, 2017 in Northern Virginia. A private family inurnment took place March 28, 2017 at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kansas 66606 or a charity of the donor’s choice.

To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.



Alta Mae Sinor, 102 years, 6 months and 22 days, of Chouteau, Oklahoma, passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2017 in Chouteau. She was born in Wanette, Oklahoma on August 25, 1914, the daughter of James L. Cargill and Florence B. (Willmet).

Alta married George S. Sinor and together, they raised six children. She worked as a homemaker most of her life, making a wonderful home for her husband and children. She was known for her wonderful cooking; especially her pies, and looked forward to family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving. Alta also enjoyed sewing and quilting, and being outside in her vegetable garden.

Alta was one of the oldest living enrolled Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians in the world, she was so proud of her Indian heritage. She lived a long, wonderful life, full of memories that will be cherished by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services were held on March 22, 2017 in the Shipman's Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Nancy Lawson officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery with Brian Schencks, Josh Schencks, J.D. McManus, Justin McManus, Josh McManus, and Steve McManus, Jr. serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearer was Tom Link.

To leave her family a message, please visit her tribute wall at www.shipmansfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were under the direction of Shipman's Funeral & Cremation Service.

Alta is survived by her son: John Sinor and wife Paulette of Pryor, Oklahoma; daughters: Melba Schencks of Chouteau, Oklahoma, Nora McManus of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, Lora McHenry of Pryor, Oklahoma, Judith Washam of Chouteau, Oklahoma; sister: Pauline Gul-

lans and husband Danny of Stockton, California; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren along with many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents: James and Florence Bes-sie Cargill; husband: George Sinor; daughter: Lucille "Lucy" Link; three sisters and five brothers.



Charlene Edmon, 69, passed from this life on February 12, 2017, at her home surrounded by family, after a two year battle with clear cell carcinoma. She was born on February 4, 1948 at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City to Carl T. Edwards and Norville Oneal (Rich) Edwards. She was the granddaughter of Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Clara Tescier Edwards.

Her past Oklahoma City employers include: Nuway Laundry, Western Electric, GM, and Unarco Shopping Cart Manufacturing Plant. She also was employed by Southwest Medical Center as a surgical technician and patient sitter.

Charlene had a loving heart and sacrificed much of her time and energy to care for others. She loved Jesus Christ and her faith never wavered, even as she was facing serious illness and death; she proclaimed that "God has his hand on me no matter what happens."

She had a wonderful sense of humor and was full of spirit, spontaneity and adventure. She loved to read, visit antique shops, travel (Eureka Springs, Arkansas was a favorite destination and she once visited Jerusalem, Israel), spend time with her dogs: Bella and Skippy, and most of all to spend time with family and friends. She was also a talented, self-taught artist.

Survivors include: David, who was her teenage sweetheart and faithful husband of 51 years; loving sons: Ronald Edmon and David Edmon, Jr. (and fiancé Akemi); twin brother and sister-in-law: Charles and Vickie Edwards, sister and brother-in-law: Clara and Bobby Edmon; grand-daughter: Breanna; great-grandson: Jaxson; and many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank life-long friends, Brenda and Charlie Mullins, for their kindness and support during and after Charlene's illness.

Memorial services were held at Living Faith Church, Moore, Oklahoma on February 16, 2017 with Charlene's brother-in-law, Reverend Jerry Edmon, officiating.



Cynthia Lucina Coulter was born in Norman, Oklahoma on September 29, 1951 to parents Vivian and Joe Coulter. She passed away on February 28, 2017 in Omaha, Nebraska. Cynthia's grandmother was Henrietta Frigon Coulter, a CPN allottee who farmed, raised her family, and taught music near Wanette, Oklahoma. Cynthia met her husband of 43 years, John Crawford, in Austin, Texas while finishing her bachelor's degree at the University of Texas. They moved from Austin to California to New Mexico before returning to Oklahoma for her to enroll in medical school in 1981. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation was kind and generous in their financial support of Cindy, in her undergraduate studies and in medical school.

In 1990, Cindy and John moved to Omaha where she took a faculty position in neurology at Creighton Medical School. Although her career was cut short by progressive multiple sclerosis, by the time she took early retirement because of disability, she had become one of the first women to be promoted to tenured faculty status at Creighton Medical School.

Throughout her career, she achieved success with many publications in science and in medicine.

In 2006, Cindy and John moved to Keya Paha County, Nebraska where they had built a log home. They were at this home until the summer of 2012, when a major wildfire came through and destroyed everything. They got out with their dogs and horses and almost nothing else.

Cindy is survived by her husband: John Crawford; brothers: Tim and his wife Samantha of Helena, Montana, Joe Dan of Iowa City, Iowa (sons Gavin and Dan, and daughter Danielle), James and his wife Debra of Placitas, New Mexico (daughter Jessica); sister: Catherine and her husband Bob Bootzin of Jemez Springs, New Mexico (daughter Odessa).

Cindy is gone too soon and is loved and missed by all.



In the loss of a son, Lane Lee Ross, March 12, 2017, who meant so much, what can you say about him who shared so much of his heart with openness?

You can say he was special and he was....
You can say he made a difference and he did....
You can say Lane will never be forgotten and he won't....

He will live on forever in our memories and most of all in our hearts. He will be forever missed and remembered with so much love.

Lane was too young to leave us, but he will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

Survivors include daughters: Morgan and Lauren Ross; brother: Lance Lee Ross; and mother: Anita Ross.

Submitting obituaries

To submit an obituary, please send a word document with **no more than 300 words**, a 300dpi photo and a contact phone number to:

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